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Who we are



Computer Science Researchers (research staff, faculty, engineer)

- Employed by public organizations (Inria, FR national research institute in CS, and Ecole Polytechnique, FR engineering school)
- Many students (M1, M2, PhD)

Research in data management

Since 2013, inspired by data journalism and computational fact-checking

ACM SIGMOD 2013

Fact Checking and Analyzing the Web

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ABSTRACT

Fact checking and data journalism are currently strong trends. The sheer amount of data at hand makes it difficult even for trained professionals to spot biased, outdated or simply incorrect information. We propose to demonstrate Fact-Minder, a fact checking and analysis assistance application. SIGMOD attendees will be able to analyze documents using FactMinder and experience how background knowledge and open data repositories help build insightful overviews of current tooics.

of traffic on asthma cases) can comb the Web for bits of information, connect, interpret, annotate and re-share them. Such data gathering and fact checking have come at the core of 'data journalism', pioneered, e.g., in Europe by The Guardiant' and growing through efforts such as Fact Check. Dilitifact', and similar French sites!

Fact checking and analysis ($FC\overline{A}$, for short), viewed as the process of analyzing a piece of information, crossing it with existing knowledge, verifying its accuracy and possibly enriching it with nuances, comments and connections to reputable sources, has an inherent part of human effort, thus



Our collaboration with Le Monde

Google Award in Computational Journalism (2014-2015), with U. Paris Sud, mostly data viz

ANR ContentCheck: Models, Algorithms and Tools for Data Journalism and Journalistic Fact-Checking (2015-2020), https://contentcheck.inria.fr 700 K€, w/ U. Paris Sud, U. Rennes, U. Lyon, and Les Décodeurs (fact-checking team from Le Monde):

Samuel Laurent, Maxime Ferrer, Adrien Sénécat



Al Chair SourcesSay: Intelligent Data Analysis and Interconnection in Digital Arenas (2020-2024), https://sourcessay.inria.fr
600 K€; Le Monde (Stéphane Horel) and WeDoData (Karine Bastien) as non-funded, supporting partners



Lines of work (1/2)

Improving access to digital content

PhD of Tien-Duc Cao (2019):

- Crawl all INSEE
 reports, turn into
 Linked Open Data
- 2. Tailored search algorithm, returning cells or regions+ original page
- 3. Statistic claim extraction from text

Créations d'entreprises dans quelques pays de l'Union européenne en 2015

en %

Pays	Taux de création
Allemagne	7,1
Belgique	6,2
Espagne	9,5
France (1)	9,5
Italie	7,5
Pays-Bas	10,1
Portugal	15,7
République tchèque	8,2
Royaume-Uni	14,3



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(i) A https://statsearch.inria.fr

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- 3. Statistic claim extraction from text Follow-up: question answering on SDMX databases



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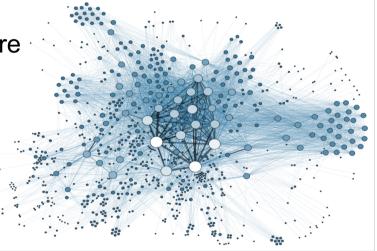
How to extract valuable insights from a Linked OpenData (RDF) graph?

RDF: Web standard for sharing open data

✓ Very flexible, no constraints on graph structure

X Lack of schema: hard to get to know!

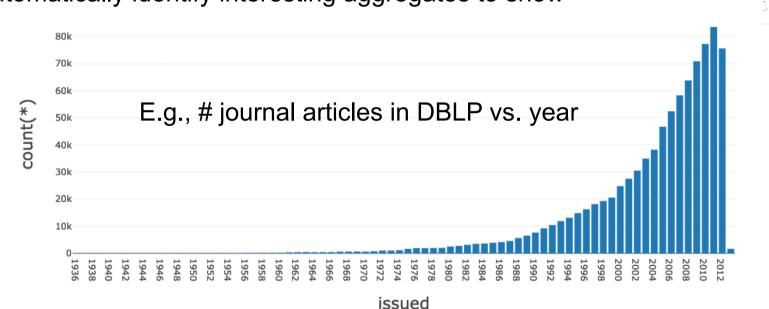
Graphs contain many values (e.g., numerical). What story do they tell?







How to extract valuable insights from a Linked OpenData graph? Automatically identify interesting aggregates to show

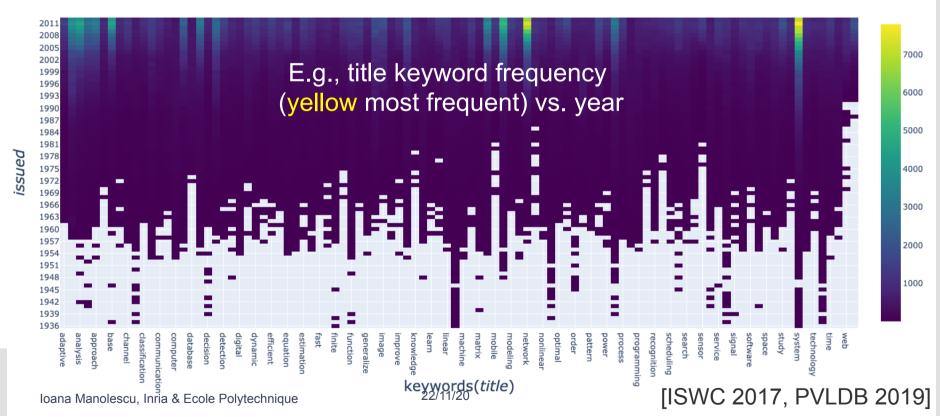








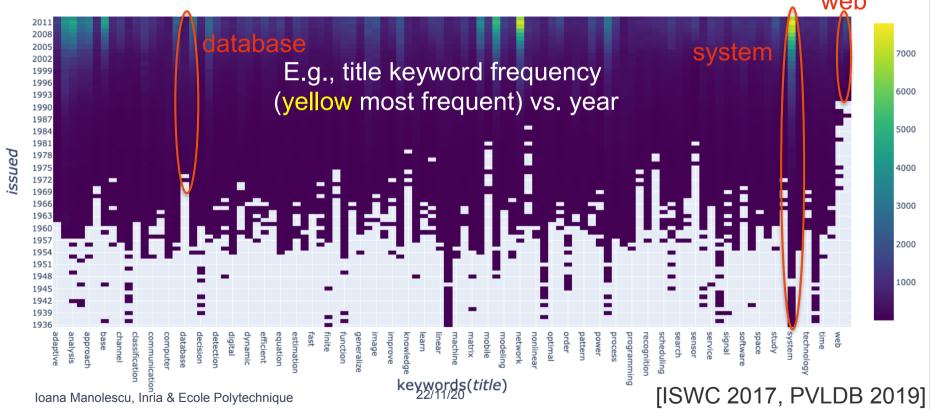
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Wrap-up

Research in data management and interest/usage of NLP

- 1. Making data accessible fast
- 2. Facilitating data usage:
 - To audience without CS skills: general audience, journalists, ...
 - ❖ To users not yet familiar with the data, regardless of their skills
 - Through friendly query interfaces (e.g., NL), exploration tools



Useful links

ContentCheck (ANR, 2015-2020)

https://contentcheck.inria.fr

SourcesSay (ANR + DGA, 2020-2024)

https://sourcessay.inria.fr

https://pages.saclay.inria.fr/ioana.manolescu/data-journalism-fact-checking.html

