

How RAI's Hyper Media News aggregation system keeps staff on top of the news

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Rai Agenda

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 - The RAI Hyper Media News aggregator
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The "RAI broadcasts"- a short history

National Radio broadcasts since early 30' (EIAR)

- 1950: Radio3 was born
- 2012: 10 Radio channels
- National TV broadcasts since 1954
 - 1961: Rai2 was born
 - 1977: Color introduced
 - 1979: Rai3 was born with regional transmissions
 - 1990: First analog satellite transmissions
 - 2005: Youtube official channel
 - 2008: DTT introduced (8 channels)
 - 2012: 14 SD + 1 HD DTT channels





The RAI's archives



TV

- About 450,000 hrs
 - 320,000 hrs of programming
 - •145,000 hrs: News and Sport
 - •175,000 hrs: Programmes (Entertainment, folk and classic music, theatre, ...)
 - •130,000 hrs of Fiction
 - •50,000 hrs: Commercial Films
 - 80,000 hrs: Fiction (TV Series, TV films, Soap operas, ...)

RADIO

 About 1,000,000 hrs recorded on a wide variety of media

PAPER LIBRARY

- •80,000 scripts in Rome
- •15,000 scripts in Firenze
- Evaluation of further RAI archives planned in short time

IMAGE LIBRARY

- •360,000 Photos RAI
- •950,000 Photos ex-ERI, currently RAI TRADE

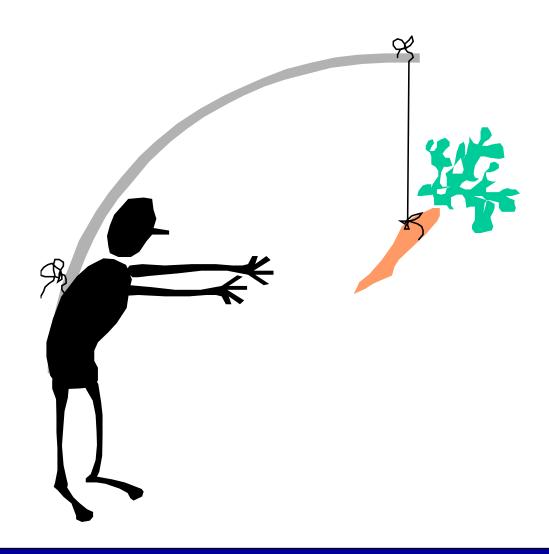


The RAI CRIT

- The Centre for Research and Technological Innovation (CRIT) is responsible for defining, promoting and developing all aspects of research and innovation in the television industry
 - http://www.crit.rai.it/EN/home.htm
- The Centre is active in many EU projects, and collaborates with universities and industries for supporting Master and PhD thesis, as well as developing new standards and services



Motivations





Why content analysis tools in the media industry?

- Digital switch over introduces more channels
 - More content items produced/published
- Cross media production (web, TV,...)
 - Reuse material in many different ways
- Improvements in infrastructure (IT)
 - Better content accessibility
- Recovery of Cultural Heritage
 - Archive digitisation and annotation
- Budget limitations
 - Archivist/documentalist staff not increasing



a lot more digital items to be managed by the same staff, and in a quicker way



Wish list



- The world of media is moving fast
 - More challenges
 - New requirements
- Huge data amounts
 - Up to 10K hours of material for a typical regional news archive
 - Even if a lot is non-textual, we deal with it by
 - ✓ Tags, annotations, closed captioning, speech transcripts, ...
- Open source tools for audiovisual content analysis, indexing and retrieval can be a solution

Speed up the search and retrieval process

Automatic speech understanding

Automatic translation for multilanguage news aggregation

Characters extraction and text summarisation

Information extraction and knowledge acquisition

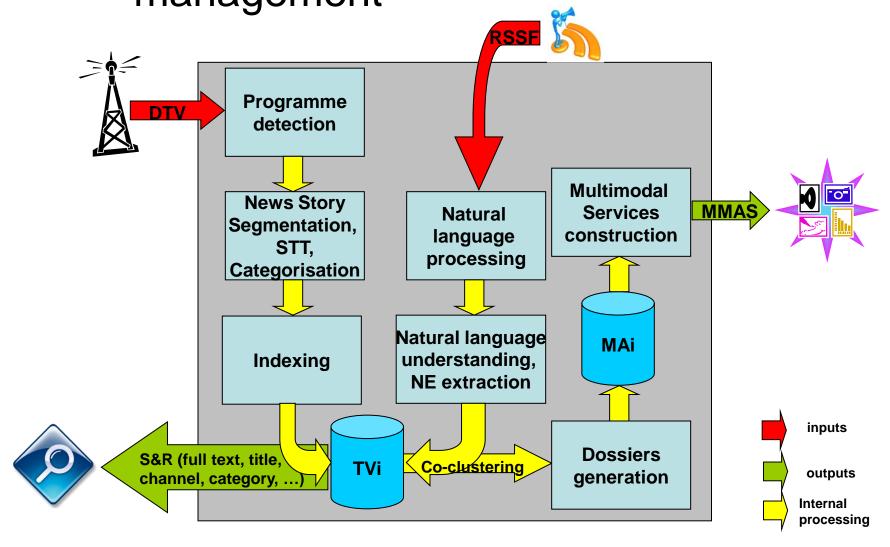


Foundations





Architecture for multi-modal news management





Audiovisual content processing for TV streams analysis

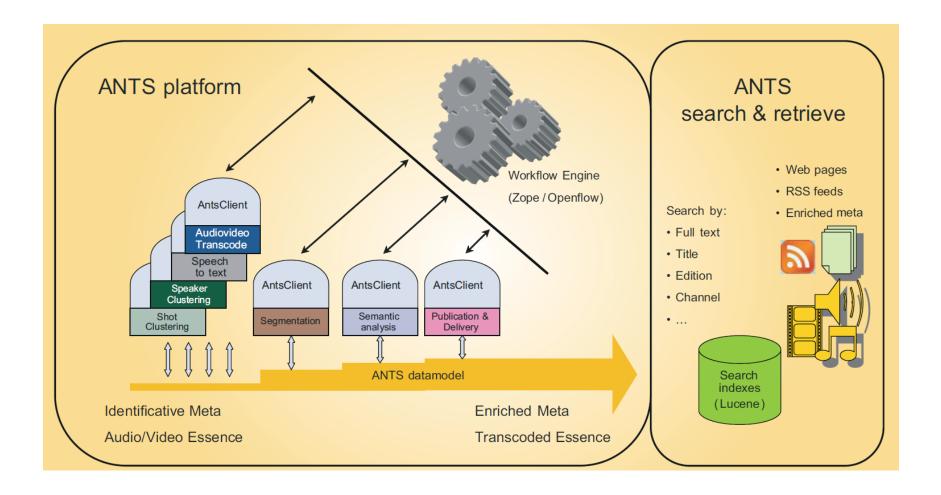
The RAI ANTS (Automatic Newscast Transcription System) platform provides a set of tools for automated news segmentation, classification, indexing and retrieval

Composed of three main modules

- Programme detection detects the start/end positions of newscasts from the acquired DTV streams
- News story segmentation performs segmentation of the acquired programmes into elementary news stories
- Speech to text analysis extracts text and semantics (i.e., categories, named entities) from the speech content of each story



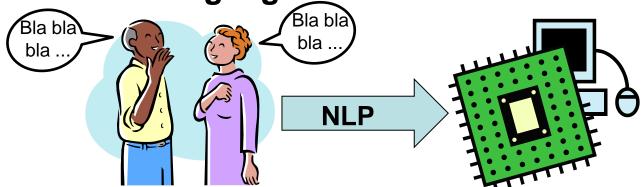
RAI ANTS architecture





Natural Language Processing (NLP) for text analysis

- Natural language refers to the human ability of understanding ordered sequences of written or spoken words (i.e. phrases)
 - Who? What? Where? When? Why?
- Language processing is the set of algorithms and tools that make machines able to understand and treat natural language





NLP is hard!



- Computers use number sequences to communicate
 - Numbers are simple
 - Numbers are easy to understand
 - Numbers do not lie



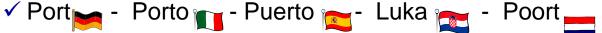
- Words can be unknown
 - ✓ E.g. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious ?????
- Words can have multiple grammars and meanings
 - ✓ To port ♣



- Port wine















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NLP pyramid tasks

Paragraph :	Text summarisationDiscourse analysisQuestion answeringSentiment analysis			
Sentence	 Parsing Sentence detection and chunking Co-reference resolution Named entity recognition (NER) Relationship extraction Machine translation 			
Word / Token	 Acronyms and abbreviations detection Segmentation Part of speech (POS) tagging Lemmatisation Stemming Word sense disambiguation (WSD) 			
Character	 Encoding Case Punctuation Accents Numbers Symbols 			

Rai NLP tools

- Different tools and libraries available
- Different implementations and programming platforms
 - C, C++, C#, Java, Python, Perl, Ruby, ...
- Different usage licenses
 - GPL, LGPL, MIT, Apache, ...
- Further detail on Wikipedia
 - List of natural language processing toolkits
 - ✓ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_language_processing_toolkits



OpenNLP functionalities

- Machine learning toolkit released under the Apache License 2.0
- Pre-built models for several languages
 - Danish, German, English, Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, Swedish
- Set of training tools for building further language models

Sentence detector **Tokenization** Docu Part of Speech Name ment **Finder** Categ Tagger orizer Corefe Chu rence Parser Resol nker

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Implementation and usage issues

- Sentence detection does not mean only splitting at punctuation marks
 - E.g. Ms. Mrs. www.rai.tv 1,000,000
- Sentence tokenisation needs to
 - Separate possessive endings or abbreviated forms from preceding words, e.g. Maurizio 's, can 't,...
- Separate punctuation marks, quotations, brackets (...) from words
 - Maurizio lives in Turin (Italy). → Maurizio lives in Turin (Italy).
- A word might have multiple pos tags depending on its context.
- Named entities might be of multiple types



Full text S&R - Apache Solr

- Full text enterprise search server based on Lucene
- XML/HTTP, JSON Interfaces
- Distributed as Web application (war)
 - Platform independent, HTTP controlling
- Web administration interface
 - Access, management, testing
- Easy configuration via XML files
 - Definition of indexes, data types, operations, etc.
- Index replication and distribution
- Search results caching



Solr requirements

Software

- Operating system: Windows, Linux, Mac, ...
- Java Development Kit (JDK) v1.5 or greater
- Apache Ant (not required for standard installation)
- Java EE Application Server
 - ✓ Jetty, Apache Tomcat, JBoss,...
- Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) for database interaction
- Hardware requirements depends on the size and complexity of the data
 - RAM affects indexing, optimisation and searching performance
 - The size of the documents (number of documents, fields per document, fields size,...) affects storage requirements
- Testing performance
 - SolrMeter



Solr configuration

- solr.xml: defines the number of cores (indexes) available
 - http://wiki.apache.org/solr/CoreAdmin
- schema.xml: defines all of the details about which fields your documents can contain, and how those fields should be dealt with when adding documents to the index, or when querying those fields.
 - http://wiki.apache.org/solr/SchemaXml
- solrconfig.xml: is the file where to put most of the parameters for configuring the Solr cores (query handlers, highlighting, faceting, etc)
 - http://wiki.apache.org/solr/SolrConfigXml

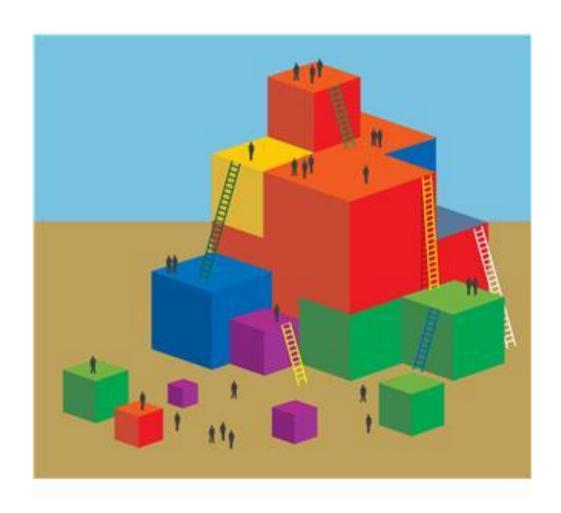


Solr - Data Import handler (DIH)

- The Data Import Handler is the component for importing data from external sources (e.g. XML archives, databases,..)
- Read and Index data from xml/(http/file) based on configuration
- Read data residing in relational databases
 - Build Solr documents by aggregating data from multiple columns and tables according to configuration
 - Update Solr according to DB updates
 - ✓ Detect inserts/update deltas (changes) and do delta imports
- Make it possible to plugin any kind of data source (ftp, scp, ...) and any other format (JSON, CSV, ...)



Use case implementation





General objectives



- Define and develop methods and systems for automated content analysis, documentation, indexing in the media domain
- Example target: news
 - Explosive growth of available informative assets
 - ✓ Professional, e.g. Newspapers, press agencies, Radio & TV
 - ✓ Amateur, e.g. UGC, social networks, personal blogs
 - Heterogeneity of sources, e.g. the Internet, radio, TV, print media, legacy archives, ...









ANTS, HMN & Interactive Newsbook main components





ANTS, HMN & Interactive Newsbook - core features

- Fully automated multimodal content-analysis tools for data extraction and mining
 - TV news programmes detection, segmentation and indexing
 - RSS feeds analysis, hierarchical linking and indexing
- Aggregation of multimodal news items by affinity measure
 - A novel (generalised) measure for assessing affinity
 - Aggregations are contextualised within automatically extracted information
 - Entities (i.e. persons, places and organisations)
 - ✓ Temporal span
 - Categorical topics
 - ✓ Social networks popularity and audience scores.
- Integration with external resources
 - Public Internet search engines, Legacy digital libraries
 - Integration of otherwise disconnected resources

Rai Hyper Media News

Last Hyper Media News Update: 2012/05/08 13:02:18

Ultimissime Homepage News Archive May 2012 Today We Th Fr Sa 10 11 12 13 9 16 17 18

23 24 25 26 27

Italia alle urne per le amministrative

Last News Update: 2012-05-08 03:11:45

Da domani mattina alle 8 fino a lunedi' alle 15 si votera' per le amministrative 2012, con una pausa notturna fra le 22 e le 7. Saranno rinnovati, fra gli ... Leggi on-line su RAI.it

bersani boris bretagna casini chigi comuni elezioni francia friuli genova giulia.

monti palermo pasok pd pd pier rai roma sarkozy sicila venezia.

Riconoscimenti 3

Giovedi 25 Novembre 2010

Premio Nostalgia di Futuro

In ricordo di Giovanni Giovannini, viene assegnato alla Rai per l'alto contributo di innovazione tecnologica nel campo del trattamento automatico dell'informazione multimediale (progetti Hyper Media News e ANTS).

Giorgio Dimino e Alberto Messina, della Direzione Strategie Tecnologiche -CRIT di Torino, e Roberto Rossetto, della Direzione Teche Rai

Leggi la notizia on-line.

Mercoledi 09 Gluano 2010

Premio ICMT

Per l'approccio innovativo con cui viene affrontata la convergenza tra differenti tipologie di contenuto e per il contributo ad un settore di rilevanza cruciale qual è quello dell'informazione.

Il premio è stato consegnato dal presidente della Repubblica Giorgio Napolitano, nell'ambito della Giomata

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Last TV News

TG2 13:00 - 18/01



News Categories

30 31

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- Economia e Finanza
- Esteri
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- Lavoro Previdenza
- Musica e Spettacolo
- ▶ Politica
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Rss Web News

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W ----Secretary.

Andreotti sta meglio e vorrebbe tornare a casa

Last News Update: 2012-05-05 17:18:18

Search contro gli educatori gay: "Sono un problema" - ACLI, OLIVERO - De Niro e le star di Hollywood investono nel cibo ital

Il senatore a vita: "To dato per morto? Porta bene, allunga la vita". Era stato ricoverato giovedì al Gemelli per una grave insufficienza respiratoria. Le sue condizioni sono buone, ma ... Leggi on-line su RALIIt

Autobus sbanda sull'A13, 5 morti

Last News Update: 2012-05-07 14:53:10

Ha sbandato a destra improvvisamente, come un animale impazzito, e ha chiuso la sua folle corsa adagiato su un fianco, ai margini di una canaletta e con un conto di ... Leggi on-line su RALit.

aprilia arma associazione bologna carabinieri comune jesolo lazio legnaro

padova pulman roma terme

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AGI - Agenzia Giornalistica Italia

AGO Agenzia Giornalistica Online

America Oggi

Rai Hyper Media News

Homepage

Ultimissime

Search 3/0

La "Super Luna" che incanta la Terra
 Carburanti, calano i prezzi di benzina e diesel: la verde scende a 1869 euro/li

Find

VOTO SCHLESWIG, MERKEL

Last News Update: 2012-05-07 19:24:57

Rai VOTO SCHLESWIG, MERKEL TIENE MA ARRETRA La Cdu di Angela Merkel è in leggero vantaggio sulla Spd nelle elezioni nel piccolo Land dello Schleswig-Holstein, ma la coalizione con la Fdp che era al governo esce sconfitta. Il partito della cancelliera, secondo i dati diffusi dalla tv statale Ard, otterrebbe il 30,5%, mentre la formazione socialdemocratica guadagna 4 punti e si attesta al 29,5%. I liberaldemocratici della Edp si fermano all'8,5%, mentre i verdi raggiungono uno storico 13,6%. La Cdu dovrà cercare altri alleati per continuare a governare. Ancora un successo per i Pirati, all' 8%, mentre la Linke è ferma al 2,5%.

News Panel Search

Total Matching News: 118

PRESIDENTE HOLLANDE

RALR - 2012-05-07 15:31:10

Rai PRESIDENTE HOLLANDE A ELISEO IL 15 MAGGIO Il neo presidente francese François Hollande si insedierà all'Eliseo il 15 maggio. Domani, festa nazionale, ci sarà il primo incontro con il presidente uscente Sarkozy, nel corso della cerimonia per ricordare la...(continua)

PUTIN PRESIDENTE, CERIMONIA AL CREMLINO

RAL# - 2012-05-07 15:29:11

Rai PUTIN PRESIDENTE, CERIMONIA AL CREMLINO "Oggi entriamo in una nuova tappa dello sviluppo nazionale e gli anni a venire saranno determinanti per il destino della Russia". Lo ha detto il presidente Putin, che si è insediato al Cremlino. Questo...(continua)

PRESIDENTE HOLLANDE

RALR - 2012-05-07 15:24:31

Rai PRESIDENTE HOLLANDE A ELISEO II. 15 MAGGIO Il neo presidente françois François Hollande si insedierà all'Eliseo il 15 maggio. Domani, festa nazionale, ci sarà il primo incontro con il presidente uscente Sarkozy, nel corso della cerimonia per ricordare

Putin ha giurato al Cremlino. Fermati 120 oppositori

RAL# - 2012-05-07 15:20:58

E' al terzo mandato da presidente. Berlusconi tra i 3000 ospiti alla cerimonia. Mosca blindata: imuzione della polizia nei caffè ritrovo dei dissidenti. ...(continua)



TG1 - Servizio Num: 16 -Rai1 - 2012-05-07 13:44:35

e allora vediamo come e' cominciata la terza volta di putin al cremino abbiamo sentito oggi il giuramento alla cerimonia sorellina mosca con tremila invitati tra loro anche berlusconi corrispondente giovanni masotti e' blindata gravi incidenti della ... (continua)



TG1 - Servizio Num: 14 -Rai1 - 2012-05-07 13:42:25

quanto ai risultati delle elezioni europee e in una nota diffusa ieri a tarda sera preferite consiglio ha affermato bisogna rispettare il rigore ma sono urgenti misure per la crescita contatti telefonici poi ieri tra presente il confine a ... (continua)



TG1 - Servizio Num: 9 -Rai1 - 2012-05-07 13:39:27

le elezioni amministrative in italia i saggi dei quasi mille comuni chiamati a scegliere sindaco e consiglio comunale chiuderanno alle quindici subito dopo cominceranno le operazioni di scrutinio in caso di ballottaggio si votera' domenica venti lunedi' ventuno maggio ... (continua):



TG1 - Servizio Num: 7 tai1 - 2012-05-07 13:36:44

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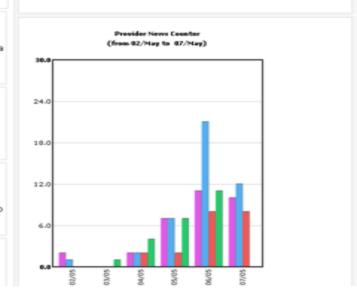
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Dossiers

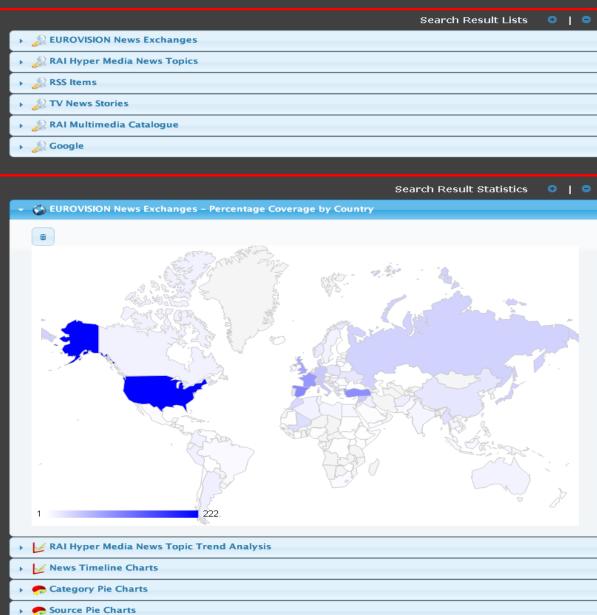
- Francia. Domani voto decisivo.
- Francia, Francois Hollande al 51,9%.
- Francia: Berlino, lavoreremo insieme.
- Elezioni in Serbia, affluenza al 53,6% Visualizza gli altri dossiers (30)

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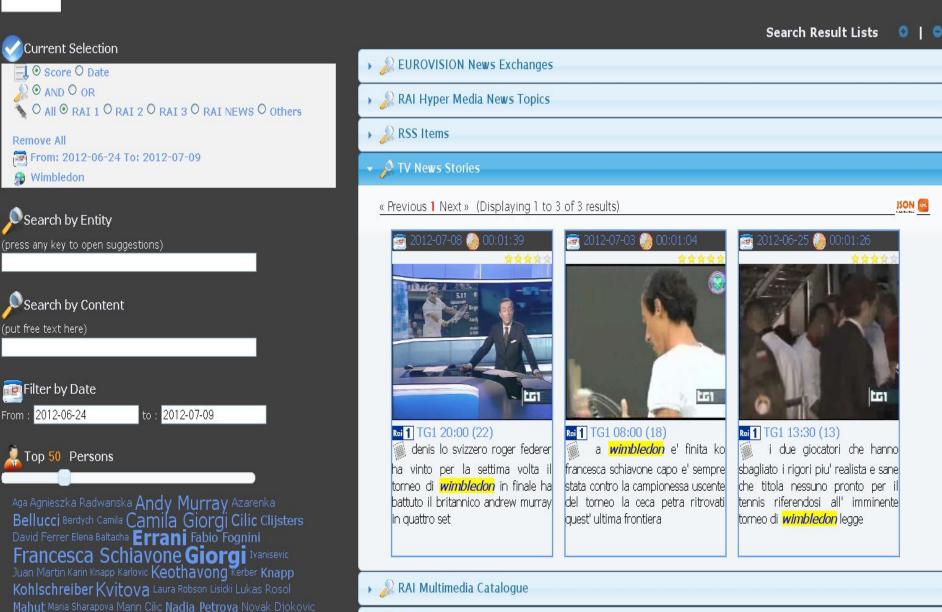




Interactive Newsbook

Paszek Pete Sampras Petra Kvitova Pironkova Rafa Nadal Roberta Vinci Rosato Rosol Sampras

Browse worldwide facts and news by entities (people, organisations, places), dates and topics



Google



Conclusions

- The media industry is moving fast
- New markets, new trends, new technologies for endusers mean new challenges and new requirements and a lot more content items
- Indexing, integrating and accessing multimodal content in an efficient way is a crucial factor
- It's time to adopt the more mature results of automation systems and open source solutions in our production infrastructures

The future is: make data (re) use and metadata cheaper and quicker



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 - √ http://opennlp.sourceforge.net/models-1.5/
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