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Method for Generating Numerical Values Indicative of Frequencies of Selected Features in Objects, and a Computer System Implementing the Method

This invention relates generally to information retrieval systems, and more particularly, to information retrieval systems that direct users to objects containing information (e.g., images, text, and/or sounds). As the number of HTML documents available on the Web continues to grow, new information retrieval techniques are needed that will allow search engines to return greater numbers of “meaningful results” and/or smaller numbers of “junk results.” The present invention is directed to methods that may solve, or at least reduce, some or all of the aforementioned problems.

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