

The new frontiers of Web search: going beyond the 10 blue links

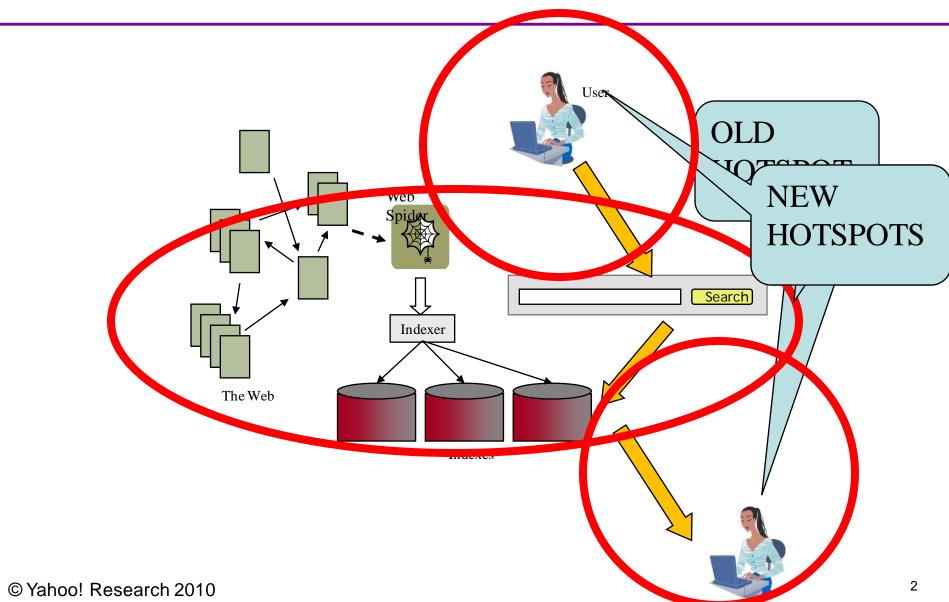
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Technology hot spot





The evolution of commercial web search engines



First generation – Syntactic match

Use only "on page", text data, TF/IDF, etc

1994-1997 AV, Excite, Lycos, etc

- Second generation -- Use off-page, web-specific data
 - Link (or connectivity) analysis
 - · Sophisticated mathematical methods
 - Click-through data (What results people click on)
 - Anchor-text (How people refer to this page)

From 1998. Made popular by Google but everyone now

Still evolving

- Third generation Semantic analysis, answer "the need behind the query"
 - Focus on user need, rather than on query
 - Integrates multiple sources of data,
 - Help the user
 - UI, spell checking, query refinement, query suggestion, syntax driven feedback, context help, context transfer, etc
- What's next? Focus on task completion





Half-dozen challenges

- 1. Assisting the users in creating "better" queries
- 2. Integrating rich and complex data sources
- 3. Gathering and exposing Web derived knowledge → the "Web of Things."
- Creating tools that facilitate a superior post-search experience → "Direct answers"
- 5. Facilitating the integration of third party applications & social input
- 6. Implicit Search



Challenge #1: User assistance Make the search box "reactive"

- Today: Query suggestions appear as you type in the search box
 - → From the 2.3 words query to the 2.3 letter query?? © ©
- Tomorrow: Establish a dialog? Richer interaction? Voice?









Challenge #2: Data integration Bring data from various sources

Today: from maps/news/videos/livefeeds...



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Search

About 37,600,000 results (0.41 seconds)

Advanced search

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All results

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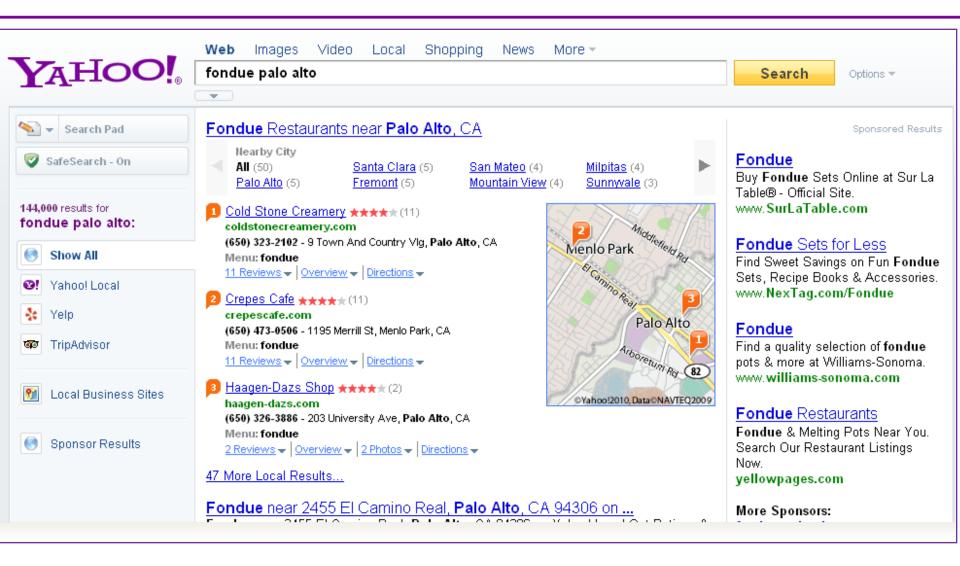




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Challenge #3: Web derived knowledge "Fondue Palo Alto"





In search of fondue: the good and the bad



Good: Fondue is on the (non-explicit) menu

Good: Geoknowledge: Menlo Park is near Palo Alto



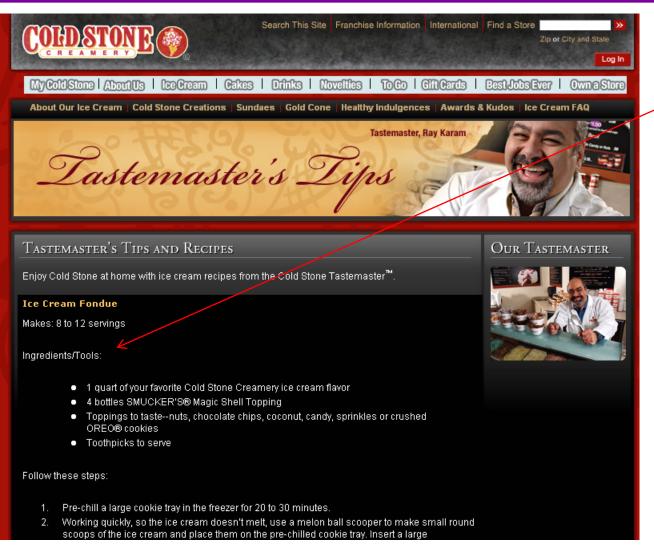
Fondue search: the good and the bad (cont)



Good: Local store associated to correct web site, although no list of stores available on site



Fondue search: the good and the bad (cont)



Bad: Fondue is not on the menu, it is a recipe using ColdStone ice cream



To blue links out of about 2,680,000 for Brett Favre



News results for Brett Favre



NFC North: Vikes live by the Favre, die by the Favre - 2 hours ago

By Tony Moss, Sports Network There were no late-game heroics this time, and **Brett Favre** proved to the world that he is not, in fact, a cyborg. ...

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Brett Favre - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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Official Website of Brett Favre

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Brett Favre | #4 | QB. Minnesota Vikings | Official Team Site. Height: 6-2 Weight: 222 Age: 40. Born: 10/10/1969 Gulfbort. MS ...

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Brett Favre Profile - Minnesota Vikings - ESPN

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honored him in May 2004 by renaming its field, 'Brett Favre Field,' and unveiling a life-sized statue of the quarterback at the stadium's entrance. ...

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Brett Favre - Minnesota Vikings - NFL - Yahoo! Sports

The latest stats, facts, news and notes on Brett Favre of the Minnesota Vikings. sports.yahoo.com/nfl/players/1025 - Cached - Similar - A X

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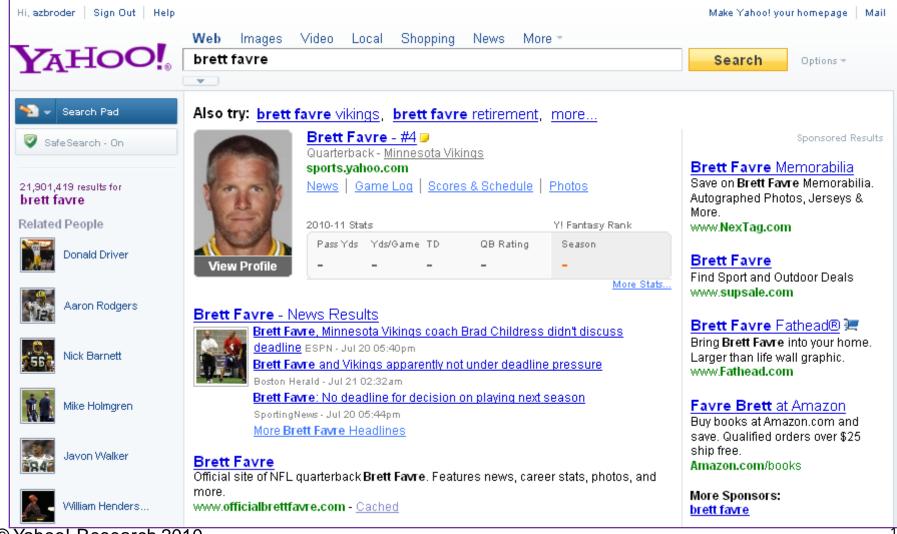
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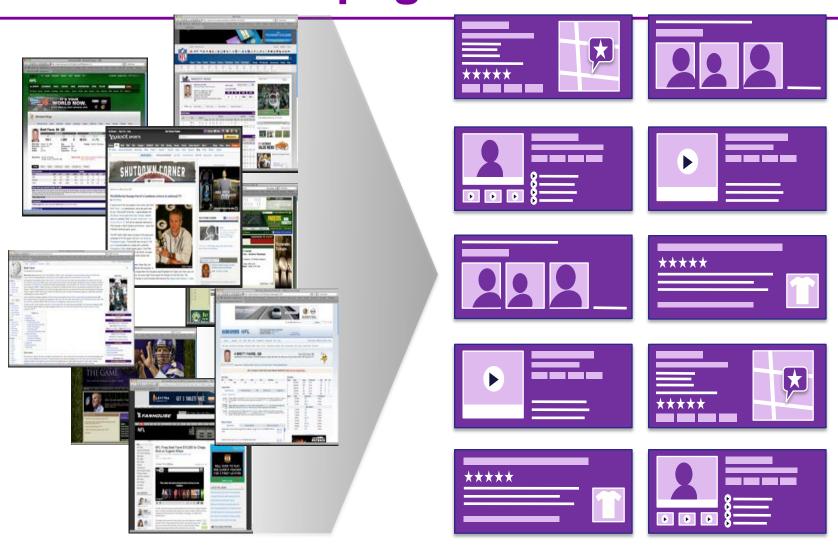


Brett Favre stats



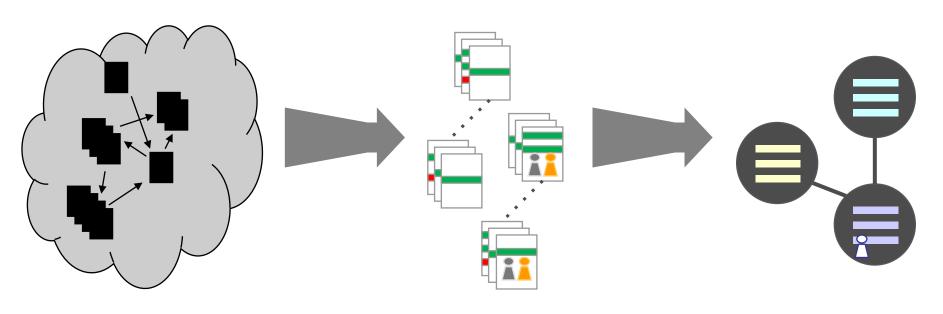


Old: Find relevant pages → "web of pages"





Deconstructing the Web & creating a web of objects

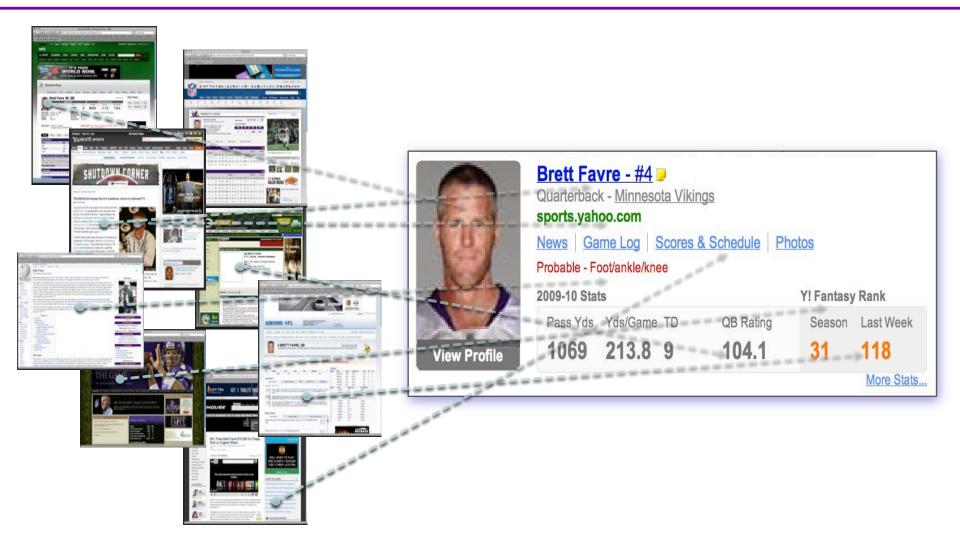


Crawls, feeds: extract content/data

Identify potential objects, their attributes & possible relationships Normalize to structured objects with relationships



Find relevant facts/entities & combine → "web of things"





Tomorrow: dynamically generate content: madonna

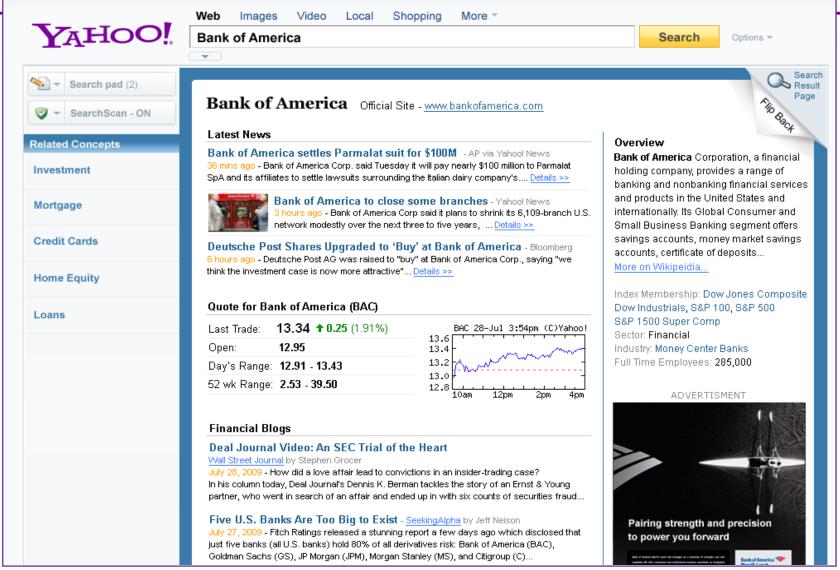


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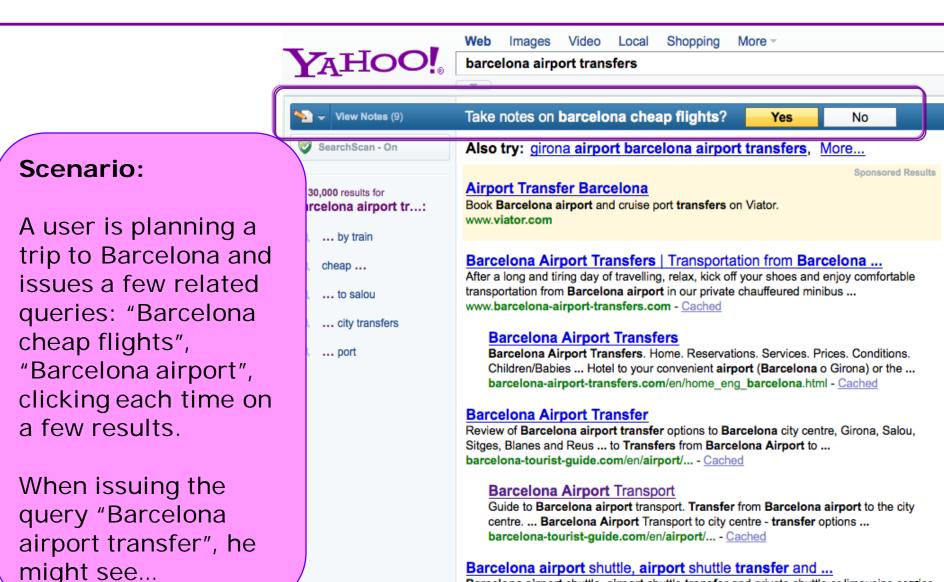


Tomorrow: dynamically generate content: Bank of America





Challenge #4: Process search results

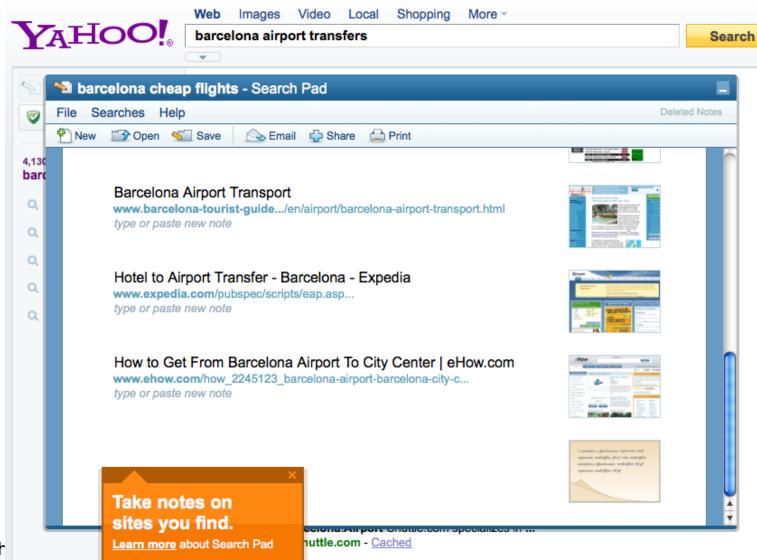


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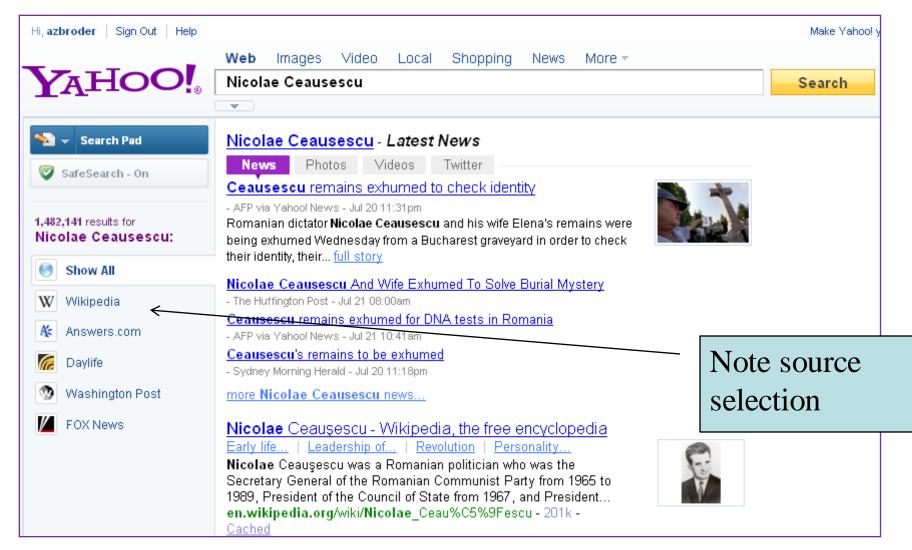


Searchpad: auto notes, shareable, etc





Challenge #5: Integrate third party applications & social input

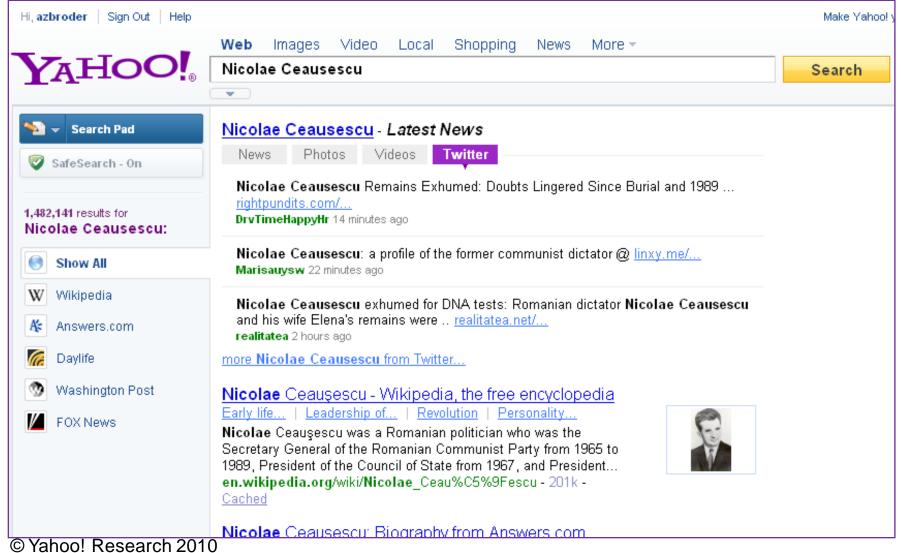


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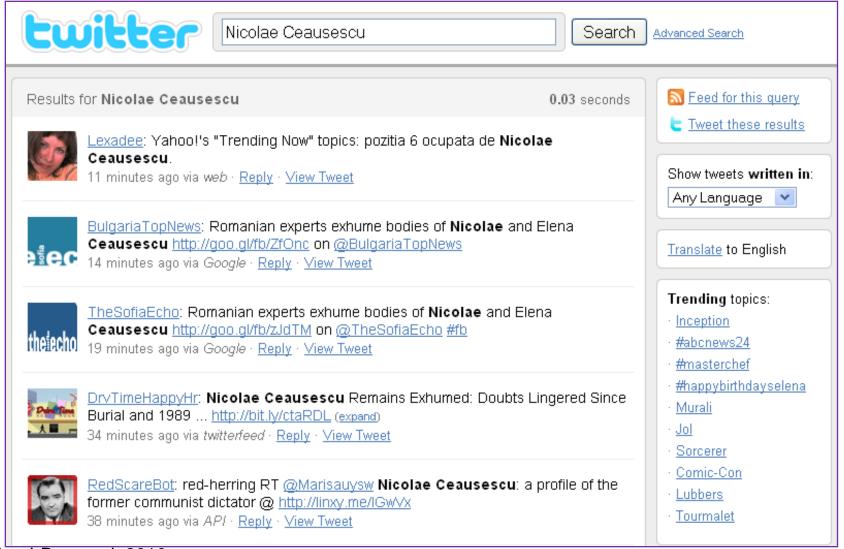
Direct social input -> e.g. twitter



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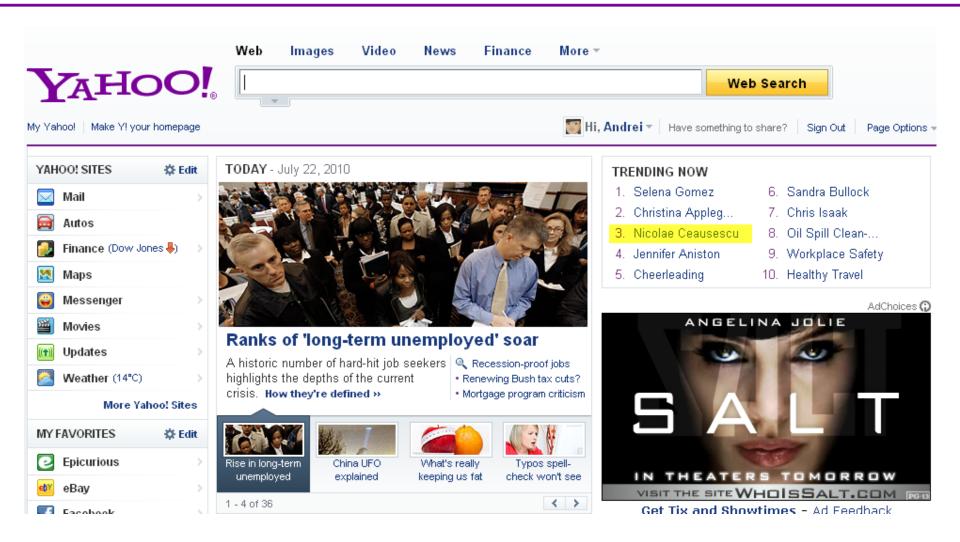


Third party app: search transfer



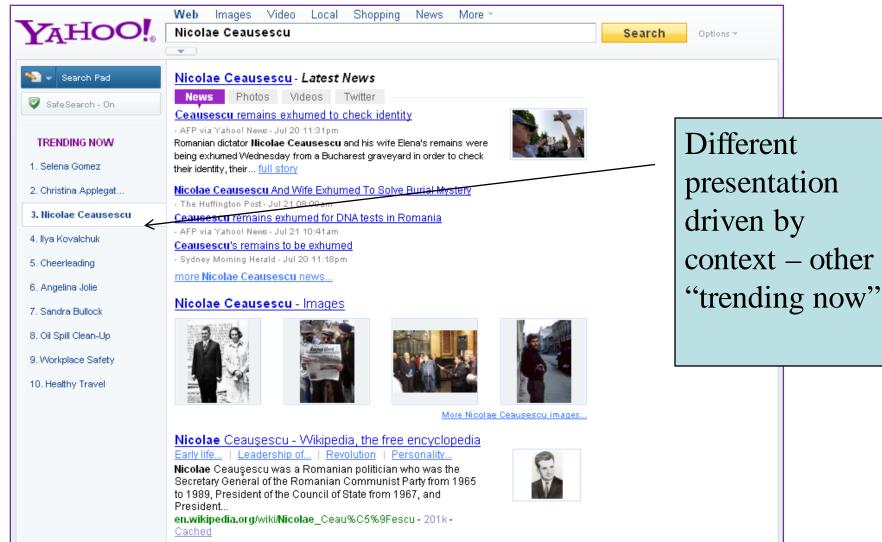


Indirect social input → buzz, trends, etc





"trending now" searches



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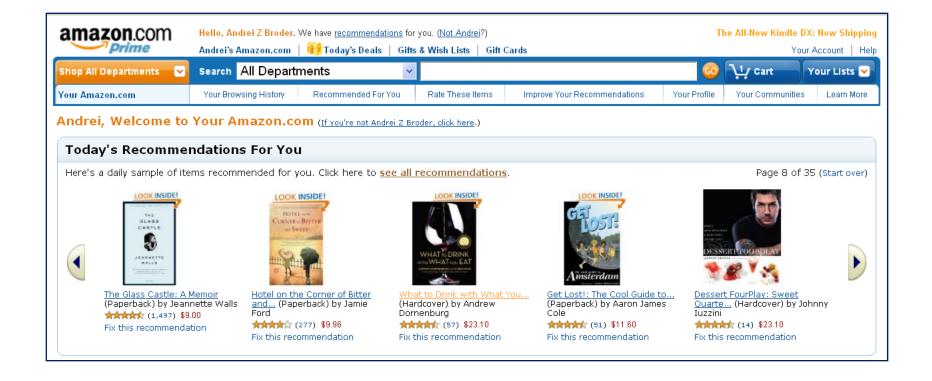


Challenge #6: Implicit Search Today mostly "Content match"





Challenge #6: Implicit Search ←→ Recommender systems





- Web search is now 15+ years old

 becoming a mature technology
- Focus of innovation moving towards the "before" and "after" web search
- Numerous challenges → lots of research and technology development opportunities



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