## Information Retrieval

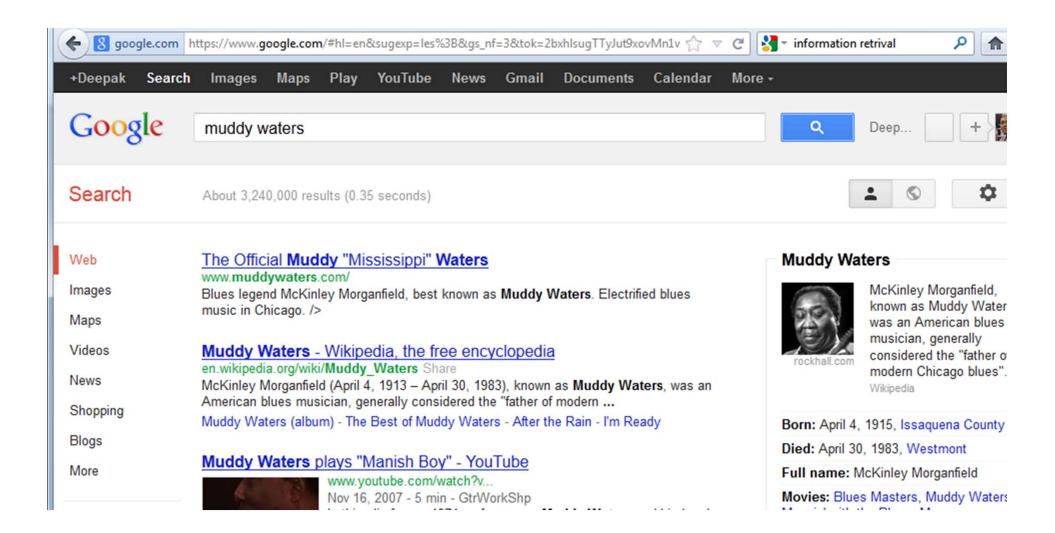
Deepak Kumar

### **Information Retrieval**

Searching within a document collection for a particular information need.



## Query



## Search Engines...

Altavista

Ask

Baidu

Bing

Blekko

ChaCha

Dogpile

Daum

DuckDuckGo

Entireweb

Excite

Faroo

Info.com

Gigablast

Google

Go

Hakia

HotBot

Leapfish

Lycos

**Monster Crawler** 

Naver

Omgili

Dmoz

Scrub The Web

Spezify

Stinky Teddy

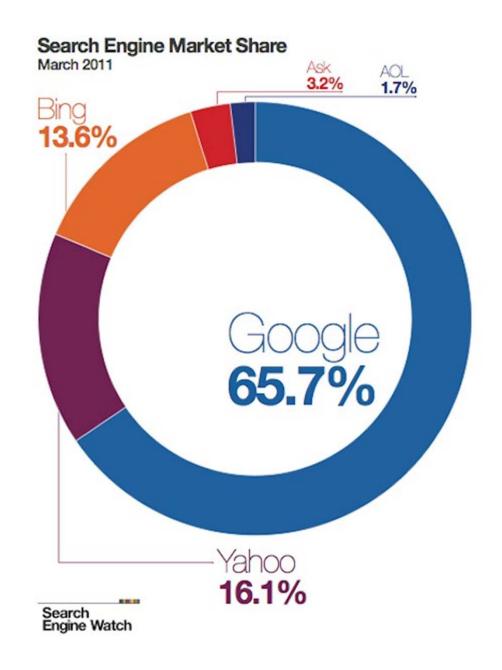
Stumpdedia

Teoma

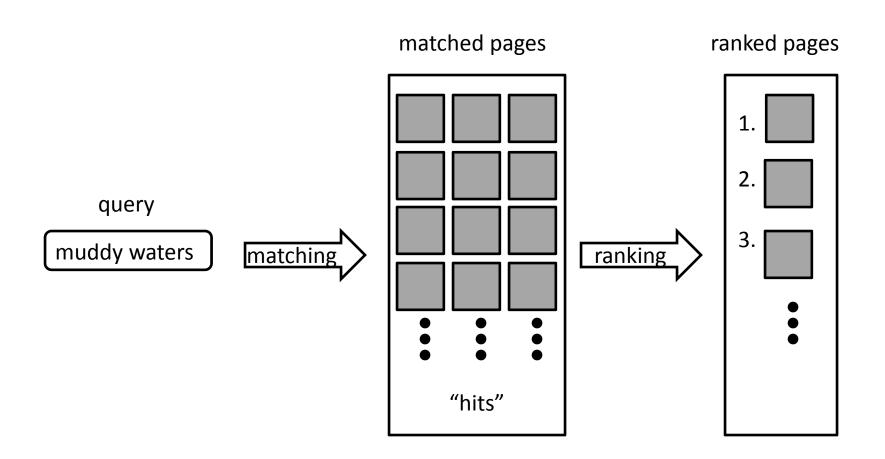
WebCrawler

Yahoo! Search

Yandex



# **Matching & Ranking**



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### **Inverted Index**

A mapping from content (words) to location.

• Example:

the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat

### **Inverted Index**

the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat

the cat stood while a dog sat

3 a 13 cat dog 23 12 mat 12 on 13 sat 23 stood 123 the while 3

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3 a 13 cat dog 23 mat 12 12 on 13 sat 23 stood 123 the 3 while

Every word in every web page is indexed!

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the cat stood while a dog sat

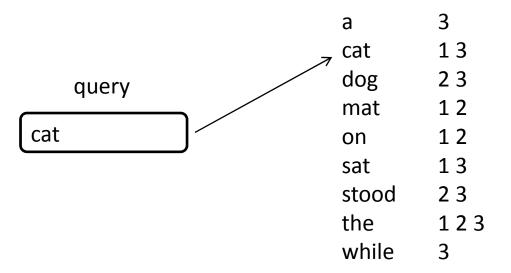
query

cat

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3
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        13
cat
dog
        23
        12
mat
        12
on
        13
sat
        23
stood
        123
the
while
        3
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the cat sat on the mat

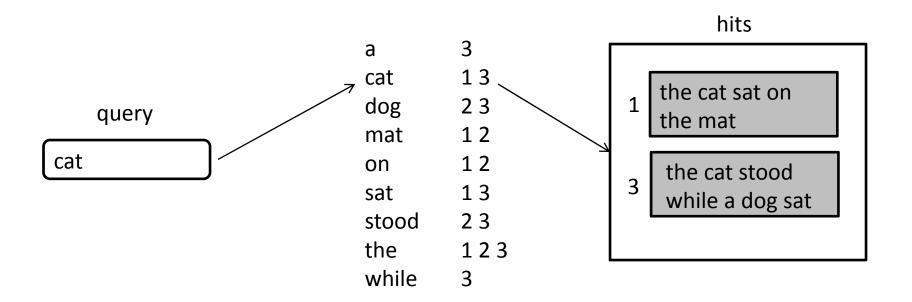
the dog stood on the mat



the cat sat on the mat

2 the dog stood on the mat

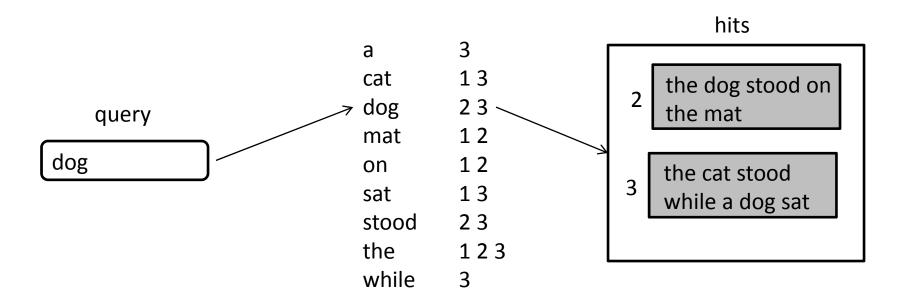
3 the cat stood while a dog sat



the cat sat on the mat

2 the dog stood on the mat

3 the cat stood while a dog sat



the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat

the cat stood while a dog sat

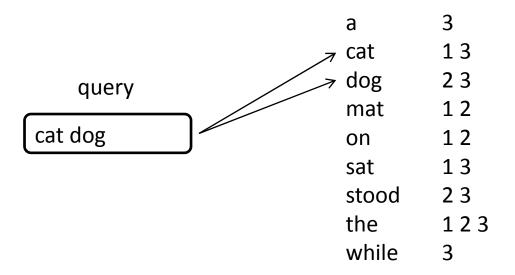
query

cat dog

3 a 13 cat dog 23 12 mat 12 on 13 sat 23 stood 123 the while 3

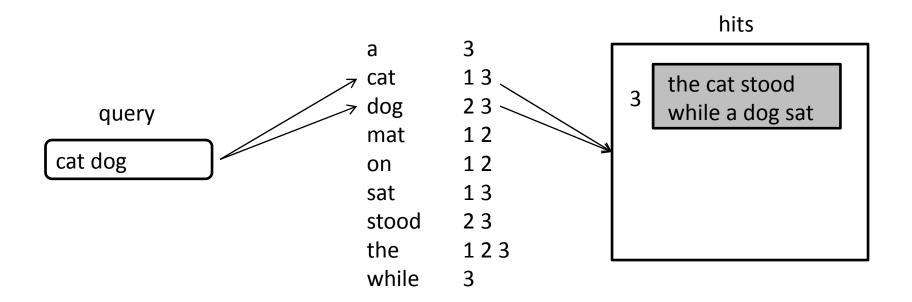
the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat



the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat



the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat

the cat stood while a dog sat

query

cat the sat

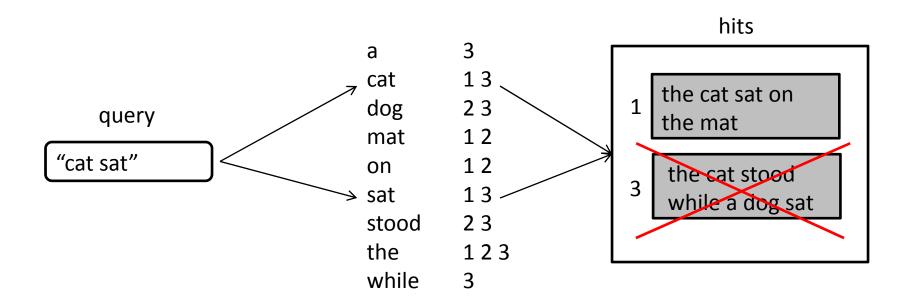
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???

## **Phrase Queries**

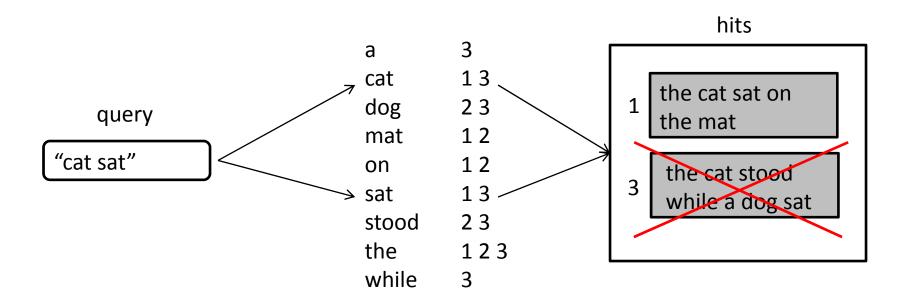
the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat



### **Phrase Queries**

1 the cat sat on the mat 2 the dog stood on the mat 3 the cat stood while a dog sat



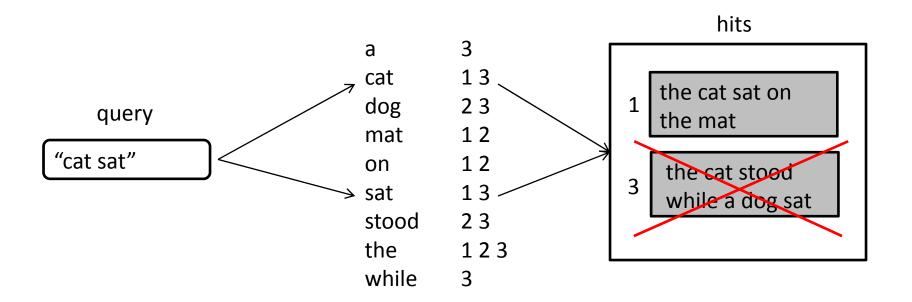
How to tell if two words occur next to each other?

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the cat sat on the mat

2 the dog stood on the mat

3 the cat stood while a dog sat



How to tell if two words occur next to each other? EFFICIENTLY???

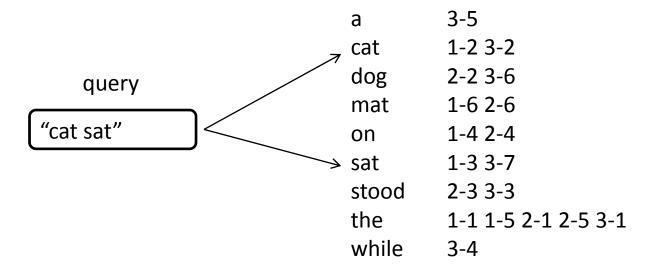
the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat

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         1-2 3-2
cat
        2-2 3-6
dog
         1-6 2-6
mat
        1-4 2-4
on
        1-3 3-7
sat
stood
        2-3 3-3
        1-1 1-5 2-1 2-5 3-1
the
while
        3-4
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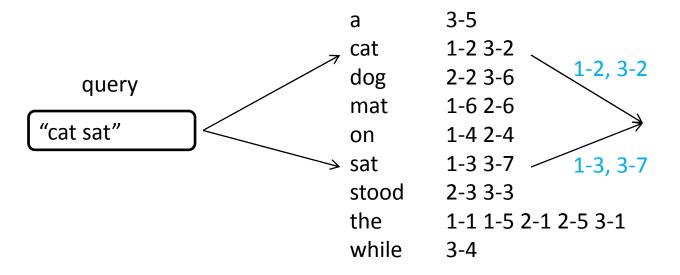
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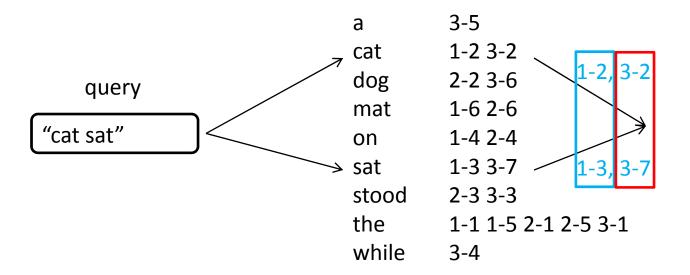
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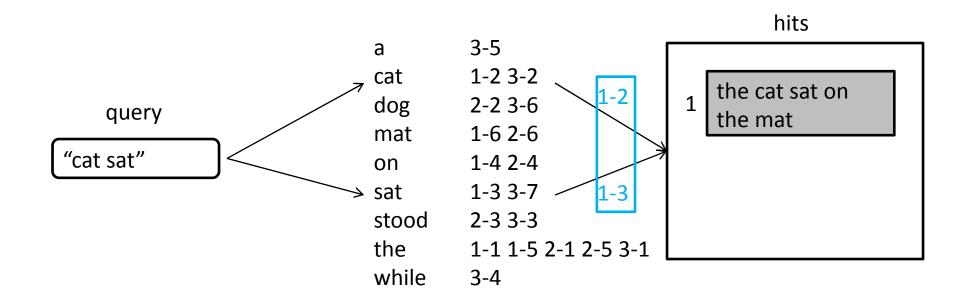
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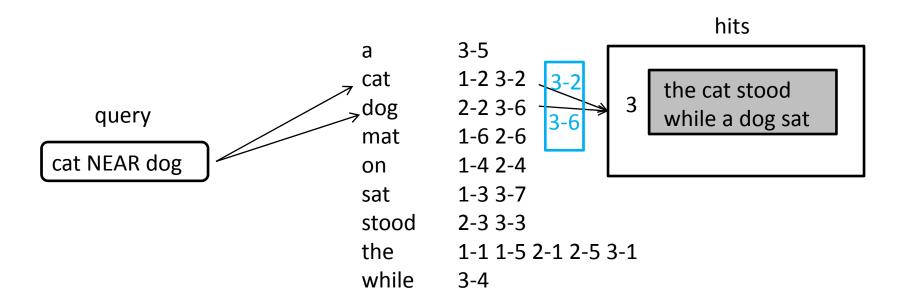


## **NEAR\*** Queries

the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat

the cat stood while a dog sat



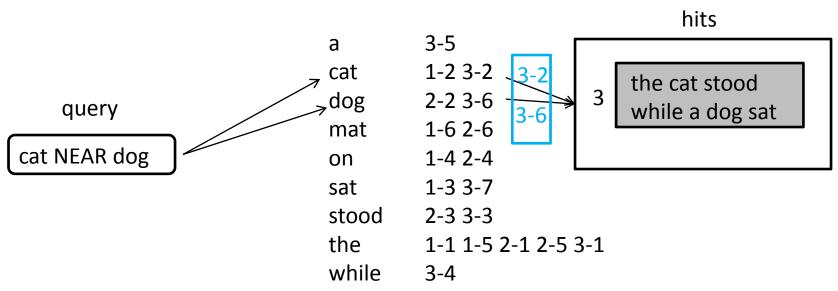
\*NEAR: distance <= 5

### **NEAR\*** Queries

the cat sat on the mat

the dog stood on the mat

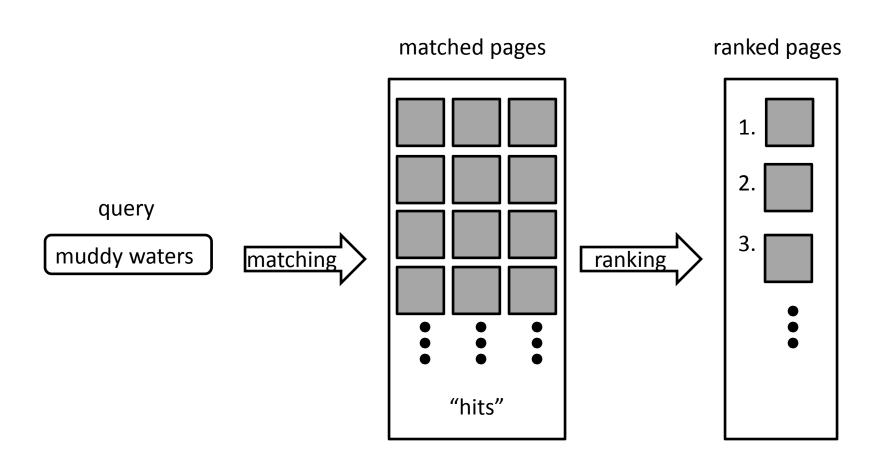
the cat stood while a dog sat



Useful in ranking!

\*NEAR: distance <= 5

# **Matching & Ranking**



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• •

malaria 1-8 2-19

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whom 2-15

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query

malaria cause

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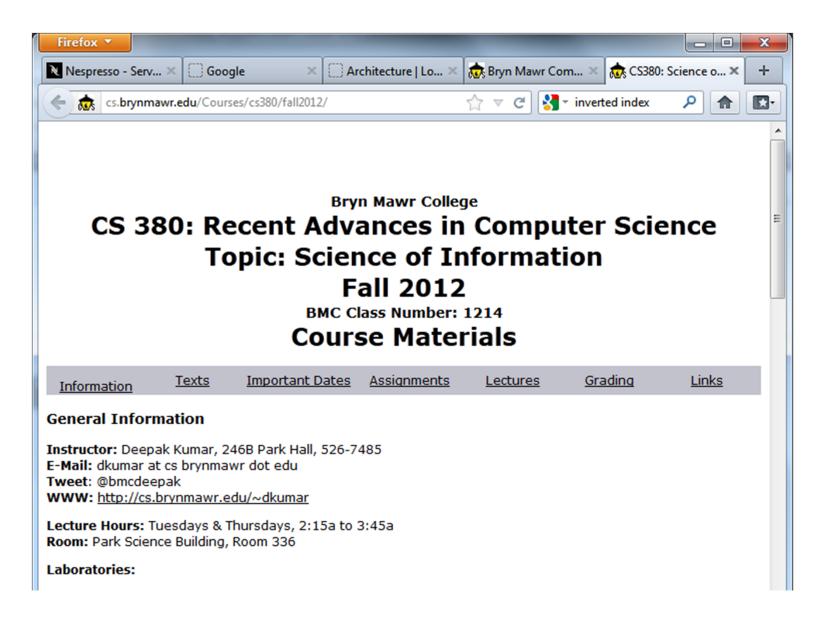
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Nearness can resolve the ranking!

## **Using Metadata**



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"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
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<head>
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<title>CS380: Science of Information (Course Page)</title>
</head>
<body>
<P>
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<B><FONT SIZE="+2">CS 380: Recent Advances in Computer Science<br>
Topic: Science of Information
</FONT></B><BR CLEAR="ALL">
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BMC Class Number: 1214<BR CLEAR="ALL">
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</h3>
</CENTER>
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### Metadata

1 my cat the cat sat on the mat my dog the dog stood on the mat my pets the cat stood while a dog sat

3

#### Metadata

1 my cat the cat sat on the mat 2 my dog the dog stood on the mat my pets
the cat stood
while a dog sat

3

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 the cat sat on
 the mat </body>

<title>my dog
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#### Metadata

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query

intitle: dog

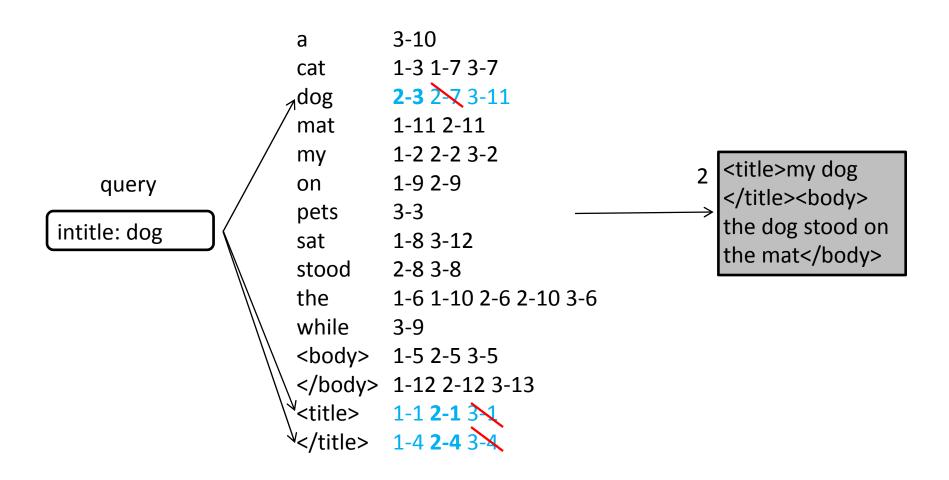
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### **Web Information Retrieval**

- Search Engines
- Queries
   phrase queries
   structure queries (NEAR, intitle:, ...)
- Matching
- Inverted Index page number location
- Ranking & Relevance
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Efficient matching is only one half the story.

The other grand challenge is how to <u>rank</u> the matching pages

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