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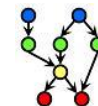
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# **Computational Knowledge & Information Management in Veterinary Epidemiology**

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- ▶ Overview
- ▶ Animal Disease Monitoring Systems
  - ▶ Manually Supported Web-Interfaces
  - ▶ Automated Web-Services
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  - ▶ Web Crawling & Search
  - ▶ Domain-specific Entity Extraction
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# Animal Infectious Disease Outbreaks

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- ▶ influence on the travel and trade
- ▶ cause economic crises, political instability
- ▶ diseases, zoonotic in type can cause loss of life



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# Animal Disease Monitoring Systems: Manually Supported Web Interfaces (1)

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## International:

- ▶ World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID) Interface -   
<http://www.oie.int/wahis/public.php?page=home>
- ▶ WHO Global Atlas of Infectious Diseases -   
<http://diseasemaps.usgs.gov/index.htm>
- ▶ Emergency Prevention System (EMPRES) for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases -   
<http://www.fao.org/EMPRES/default.html>

## OIE Home Page

Country information

Disease information

Disease control measures

Disease control measures

Control measures maps

Countries sanitary situation  
comparison

Data between 1996 and 2004

WAHID home page



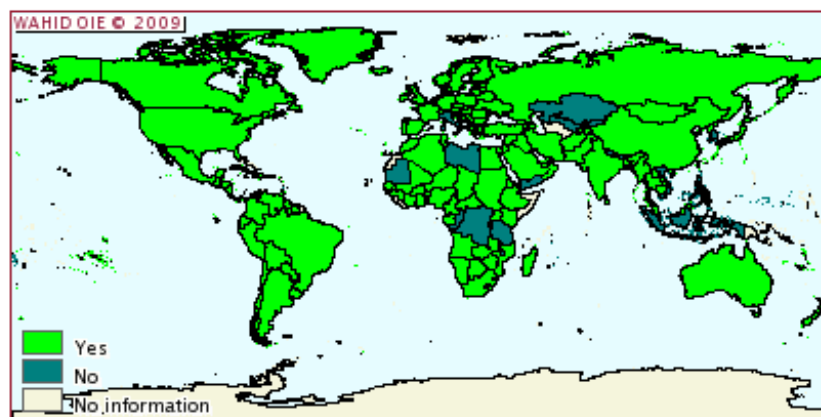
Choose by: Single country  Region: Entire world  Country:

Choose Disease: ☒ Terrestrial: Foot and mouth disease

☐ Aquatic: --- Aquatic ---

Choose control measure: Notifiable disease

## Application of control measures by disease: Foot and mouth disease, Notifiable disease



Click on map to zoom in.

**User Feedback** Email the [support team](#) if you have a comment on this system.



World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID) - Version: 1.2  
Copyright © World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) 2009  
Release date: 28 March 2009



# Animal Disease Monitoring Systems: Manually Supported Web Interfaces(2)

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## USA

- ▶ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - <http://www.cdc.gov>
- ▶ U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>
- ▶ U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) - <http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov>
- ▶ Iowa State University Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH) - <http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu>



- ▶ BioPortal - <http://biocomputingcorp.com/bpsystem.html>
- ▶ FMD BioPortal - <https://fmdbioportal.ucdavis.edu>

## United Kingdom

- ▶ Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) - <http://www.defra.gov.uk>



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# Animal Disease Monitoring Systems: Automated Web Services (1)

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## **BioCaster** - <http://biocaster.nii.ac.jp/>

- follows 1500 RSS feeds hourly
- classifies documents as topically relevant or not
- taxonomy of 4300 named entities (50 disease names, 243 country names, 4025 province/city names, latitudes and longitudes)
- identifies 40 diseases at up to 25-30 locations per day
- multilingual information extraction on to English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Japanese
- uses ontology pattern matching approaches to recognize disease-location-verb pairs
- plots events on a Google Map
- does not classify events into categories and does not report past outbreaks
- no timeline visualization

# BioCaster - <http://biocaster.nii.ac.jp/>

## Global Health Monitor [en]

\* Best viewed on Firefox 5.0, Chrome 4.1, IE6/7, Safari 4.0.

Map Satellite Hybrid

North Pacific Ocean

Terms of Use

### Filter by

☐ **Date**  
30 days

☐ **News Genre**

- ☒ Press news report (2038)
- ☒ Official report (132)
- ☒ Business report (0)
- ☒ Mixed (0)

☐ **Syndrome**

- ☒ Dermatological
- ☒ Gastrointestinal
- ☒ Hemorrhagic fever
- ☒ Musculoskeletal
- ☒ Neurological
- ☒ Respiratory

☐ **Diseases** [Check All](#) [None](#)

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIDS (1)      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> African swine fever (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anaplasmosis (5) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthrax (76)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Babesiosis (2)          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bluetongue (6)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Botulism (23) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bovine tuberculosis (5) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brucellosis (14) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chagas (11)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chickenpox (7)          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chikungunya (9)  |

# Animal Disease Monitoring Systems: Automated Web Services (1)

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► **Information retrieval system MedISys -**

<http://medusa.jrc.it/medisys/homeedition/all/home.html>

► **Pattern-based Understanding and Learning System (PULS) -**

<http://sysdb.cs.helsinki.fi/puls/jrc/all>

- allows automated recognizing of the metadata and structured facts related to the disease outbreaks
- collects an average 50000 news articles per day from about 1400 news portals and about 150 specialized Public Health sites
- 43 languages
- current ontology contains 2400 disease names, 400 organisms, 1500 political entities and over 70000 location names including towns, cities, provinces
- real-time news clustering and filtering by matching 3000 patterns
- does not classify events and does not report past outbreaks.



# MedISys -

<http://medusa.jrc.it/medisys/homeedition/all/home.html>

EMM  
MedSys

Home | Diseases | Bioterrorism | Other

Home

all - All languages

UPDATED EVERY 10 MINUTES, 24 HOURS PER DAY.

Home

Alert Statistics

Top Stories

24 Hours Overview

Recent Disease Incidents

Advanced Search

Influenza A(H1N1)v

Influenza A(H1N1)v Map

Web Site Map

EMM Overview

About MedISys

Areas

Europe

Asia

Americas

Africa

Australia/Oceania

External Links

General

Most Active Topics

Measles

In combination with: United States of America; United Kingdom;

**UK bans doctor who tied autism to vaccine**  
washtimes Monday, May 24, 2010 9:51:00 PM CEST | info  
LONDON (AP) -- A doctor who persuaded millions of parents worldwide that a common vaccine could cause autism was barred from practicing medicine in his native Britain on Monday after the country's top medical group found he conducted his research unethically. Dr....

**Fortsatt läkarbråk om mässlingvaccin**  
Norrländska Monday, May 24, 2010 5:06:00 PM CEST | info  
Den omstridde brittiske läkaren Andrew Wakefield och en av hans kolleger har förlorat sina läkarlegitimationer - över tio år efter det att Wakefield påstod sig ha hittat ett samband mellan ett trippelvaccin och autism....

Rubella

In combination with: United Kingdom;

**Britain bans doctor who linked autism to vaccine**  
newschannel5 Monday, May 24, 2010 11:34:00 PM CEST | info  
The doctor whose research linking autism and the vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella influenced millions of parents to refuse the shot for their children was banned Monday from practicing medicine in his native Britain....

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Recent disease incidents provided by the  
University of Helsinki

| Disease           | Time       | Location  | Cases |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Rift Valley Fever | 2010.05.21 | Kenya     | --    |
| Avian Influenza   | 2010.05.21 | Palestine | --    |

Tools

Monday, May 24, 2010  
11:45:00 PM CEST

EMAIL manage

info | translation en

Alert level graph

| Disease/Region            | Previous 14 days average | Alert level |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| USA: Measles              | 15                       | high        |
| United Kingdom: Measles   | 19                       | high        |
| United Kingdom: Rubella   | 10                       | high        |
| United Kingdom: Emergi... | 10                       | high        |
| United Kingdom: Mumps     | 9                        | high        |
| Kenya: AIDS-HIV           | 11                       | high        |
| New Zealand: AIDS-HIV     | 6                        | medium      |
| United Kingdom: Antimi... | 6                        | medium      |
| South Africa: Diarrhoe... | 5                        | medium      |

Full statistics...

\*part of the Europe Media Monitor (EMM) product family

<http://emm.jrc.it/overview.html>

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# Pattern-based Understanding and Learning System (PULS)



[Confident events] **Events** [Advanced query] [Groups]  
[Database list]

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|          | Published  | Source           | Disease         | Country      | Begin      | End        | Total   | † | Descriptor              |
|----------|------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------|---|-------------------------|
| [93] +   | 2009.07.23 | usaToday         | Hepatitis C     | USA/Colorado | 2009.07.16 | 2009.07.16 | 19      |   | 19 cases                |
| [3530] + | 2009.07.23 | usaToday         | Influenza       | USA          | 2008.10    | 2008.10    | --      |   | the populations         |
| [1744] + | 2009.07.23 | theglobeandmail  | Swine Flu       | Canada       | 2009.07.16 | 2009.07.16 | --      |   | his son                 |
|          | 2009.07.23 | googlenewshealth | Hepatitis C     | USA/Colorado | --         | --         | --      |   | --                      |
|          | 2009.07.23 | googlenewshealth | --              | USA          | 2009.07.16 | 2009.07.16 | 19      |   | 19 Rose patients        |
| [3530] + | 2009.07.23 | googlenewshealth | Influenza       | USA          | 2008.10    | 2008.10    | --      |   | the populations         |
|          | 2009.07.23 | googlenewshealth | West Nile Virus | --           | 2009       | 2009       | 7       |   | seven birds             |
| [6289] + | 2009.07.23 | smh              | Swine Flu       | UK           | 2009.07.12 | 2009.07.18 | 100 000 |   | 100,000 new swine fl... |
|          | 2009.07.23 | smh              | Swine Flu       | UK           | --         | --         | 55 000  |   | 55,000 new cases        |
|          | 2009.07.23 | smh              | Swine Flu       | UK           | --         | --         | 29      | † | 29 people               |
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| [6289] + | 2009.07.23 | telegraph        | Swine Flu       | UK           | 2009.07.12 | 2009.07.18 | 100 000 |   | 100000 people           |
|          | 2009.07.23 | telegraph        | Swine Flu       | UK           | --         | --         | 31      | † | 31 deaths               |
| [6289] + | 2009.07.23 | telegraph        | Swine Flu       | UK           | 2009.07.19 | 2009.07.19 | --      |   | that new cases          |
|          | 2009.07.23 | telegraph        | Swine Flu       | UK           | --         | --         | 55      |   | Fifty-five people       |
| [6289] + | 2009.07.23 | telegraph        | Swine Flu       | UK           | 2009.07.12 | 2009.07.18 | 1 200   |   | around 1,200 new cas... |
|          | 2009.07.23 | thetimes         | Influenza       | --           | 2009.07.22 | 2009.07.22 | --      |   | those                   |
| [1744] + | 2009.07.23 | cdccanada        | Swine Flu       | Canada       | 2009.07.23 | 2009.07.23 | --      |   | some people             |

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# Animal Disease Monitoring Systems: Automated Web Services (1)

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## ▶ **HealthMap** - <http://healthmap.org/en>

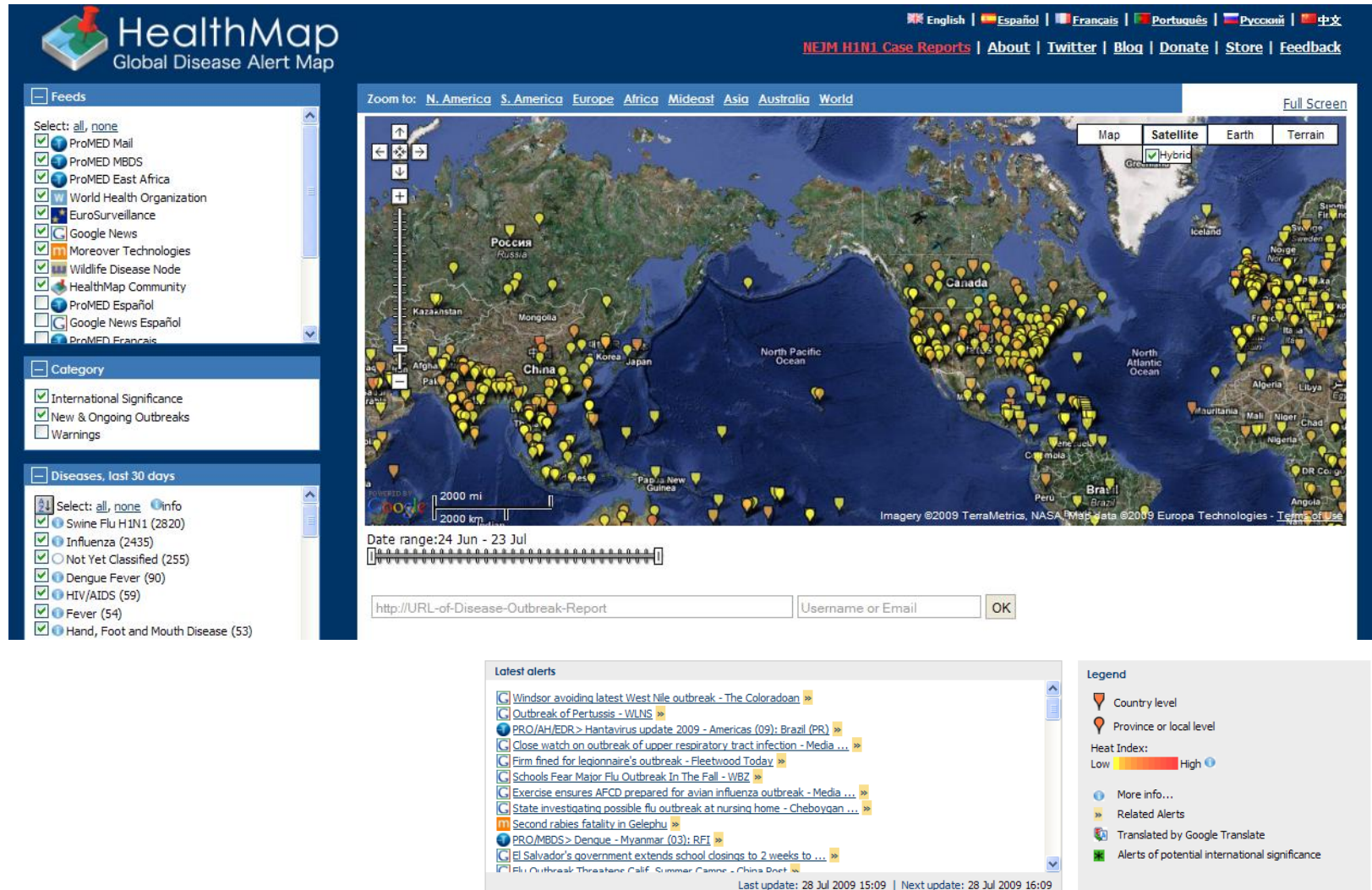
- aggregates articles from **Google News** and **ProMED-Mail** portal
- **2300 locations** and **1100 disease names**
- identifies between **20-30 outbreaks per day**
- **multiple languages** English, Russian, Arabic, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese
- manually supported system

## ▶ **EpiSpider**- <http://www.epispider.org/>

- combines emerging infectious disease data from:
  - **ProMED-Mail** - [www.promedmail.org](http://www.promedmail.org)
  - **The Global Disaster Alert Coordinating System (GDACS)** - [www.gdacs.org](http://www.gdacs.org)
  - **Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Factbook** - <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
  - **The United Nations Human Development Report sites** - <http://hdr.undp.org/en>



# HealthMap - <http://healthmap.org/en>



# ProMED-Mail - [www.promedmail.org](http://www.promedmail.org)



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FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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The global electronic reporting system for outbreaks  
of emerging infectious diseases & toxins,  
open to all sources.  
ProMED-mail, the Program for Monitoring  
Emerging Diseases, is a program of the  
International Society for Infectious Diseases.

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[PRO/EDR> Measles - Philippines \(05\)](#)

[PRO/AH/EDR> Koi herpesvirus, carp - USA: \(CA\)](#)

**[Postings from last 30 days...](#)**

**Latest Information on Influenza A (H1N1)**

[22-MAY-2010 / Influenza pandemic \(H1N1\) \(33\): WHO update](#)

[01-MAY-2010 / Influenza pandemic \(H1N1\) \(32\): WHO update](#)

[22-APR-2010 / Influenza pandemic \(H1N1\) \(31\): UK \(Scotland\) D222G mut'n](#)

[22-APR-2010 / Influenza pandemic \(H1N1\), animal \(06\): Korea, swine](#)

[17-APR-2010 / Influenza pandemic \(H1N1\) \(30\): WHO update](#)

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**ProMED-PORT,  
Português**



**ProMED-ESP,  
Español**



**ProMED-RUS,  
Русский**



**PRO/MBDS,  
Mekong Basin**





# EpiSpider - <http://www.epispider.org/>

## FEEDS

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### DISEASE OUTBREAK FEEDS

- ProMEDMail Feed RSS Version 1
- ProMEDMail Feed RSS Version 2
- ProMEDMail 14-day Feed GeoCSV Version (Experimental)
- ProMED GeorSS
- WAHID (OIE) GeorSS (90-day feed, NEW)
- WAHID (OIE) 14-day Feeds GeoCSV Version (Experimental)
- Top 10 ProMED Diseases by Frequency
- Latest 10 ProMED Diseases
- ProMED Google Earth KML Live Feed
- WAHID (OIE) Google Earth KML Live Feed
- Composite 7-day Feed GeoCSV Version (Experimental)

### ASKMEDLINE FEEDS

- AVIAN INFLUENZA
- AVIAN INFLUENZA HUMAN
- FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
- BLUETONGUE
- CHOLERA DIARRHEA AND DYSENTERY
- CHIKUNGUNYA
- MEASLES
- DENGUE DHF
- HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
- YELLOW FEVER

## LATEST PROMED REPORTS

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EWMA, ProMED Mail posts, last 120 days  
UCL: 7.71, LCL: 2.29, SD: 0.9

NOTE: The links below will show the most recent ProMED reports.

- PRO/EDR> Dengue/DHF update 2010 (24) POSTED 2.54 HRS AGO | [PUBMED](#) | [CONCEPTS](#)
- PRO/AH/EDR> Anthrax, human, caprine - Colombia (02): (LG) POSTED 3.09 HRS AGO | [PUBMED](#) | [CONCEPTS](#)
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- PRO/AH/EDR> Rabies, human - Indonesia (05): (Bali) feline vaccination POSTED 6.72 HRS AGO | [PUBMED](#) | [CONCEPTS](#)
- PRO/AH/EDR> Foot & mouth disease, wildlife - Nepal: susp. RFI POSTED 20 HRS AGO | [PUBMED](#) | [CONCEPTS](#)
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- PRO/EDR> Measles - Philippines (05) POSTED 1.24 DAYS AGO | [PUBMED](#) | [CONCEPTS](#)
- PRO/EDR> Poliomyelitis - worldwide (10): Tajikistan, Russia ex Tajikistan POSTED 1.9 DAYS AGO | [PUBMED](#) | [CONCEPTS](#)
- PRO/AH/EDR> Salmonellosis, serotype Newport - USA:

## SERVICE ALERTS

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### SERVER LOAD CHARTS

CUSUM, 1-minute load average

EWMA, 1-minute load average  
UCL: 2.14, LCL: -0.38, SD: 0.42

1-minute load average  
UCL: 0.96, LCL: 0.18, SD: 0.39

The line graphs above represent number of active processes running in the system. Left side is most recent sample. SD = standard deviation

### INBOUND/OUTBOUND TRAFFIC MONITOR

EpiSPIDER access, SD: 19.86, Max: 110.81, Min: 71.08, Avg: 90.94

Articles Processed Daily, past 72 days, SD: 317.13, Max: 1278.78, Min: 644.52, Avg: 961.65

OpenCalais Web Service, past 72 hours, SD: 30.68, Max: 186.93, Min: 125.57, Avg: 156.25

UClassify Web Service, past 72 hours, SD: 314.7, Max: 2330.89, Min: 170.5, Avg: 2016.10

## LATEST GOOGLE HEALTH NEWS

[\[-\]](#)

EWMA, Google News posts, last 120 days  
UCL: 9.71, LCL: 4.29, SD: 0.9

This is the distribution of Google news articles for the last 72 hours after uClassify classification. Click on pie sections for more detail.



■ EVENT ■ NONEVENT ■ SPAM

NOTE: The links below will show the most recent news articles from Google News.

## LATEST TWITTER STREAM

[\[-\]](#)

EWMA, Event category Twitter posts, last 120 days  
UCL: 218.71, LCL: 213.29, SD: 0.9

This is the distribution of Twitter articles for the last 72 hours after uClassify classification. Click on pie sections for more detail.



■ EVENT ■ NONEVENT ■ SPAM

|                            | <b>BioCaster</b>  | <b>HealthMap</b>   | <b>MedISys + PULS</b>   | <b>Our System</b>   |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Year                       | 2007  | 2007   | 2007  | 2010  |
| Country                    | Japan   | USA  | European Union  | USA   |
| Mined Sources              | 1500 News Feeds   | Only Google News & ProMED-Mail                                 | 1400 news portals + 150 Public Health sites                               | Personalized predefined set of seeds by domain experts                            |
| Productivity               | 25-30 locations on 40 diseases per/day                        | 20-30 outbreaks per day  | 50,000 news articles per day  | Varies by the size of the crawled collection                                      |
| Languages                  | English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Japanese | English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, Arabic | 43 languages  | Future work: wikification for the multilingual IE/IR                              |
| Geographical Entities      | 243 countries & 4,025 sub-countries (province & cities)       | 2,300 locations  | 70,000 locations (towns, cities, provinces)                               | > million locations from NGA GEOnet Names Database                                |
| Disease and Other Entities | 50 diseases (ontology with synonyms, symptoms)                | 1100 diseases  | 2400 animal + human disease names, 400 organisms, 1500 political entities | Automatically constructed ontology with >1000 animal diseases, viruses, serotypes |

# Animal Disease-related Data Online

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## Structured Data

- ▶ Official reports by different organizations:
  - ▶ state and federal laboratories, bioportals;
  - ▶ health care providers;
  - ▶ governmental agricultural or environmental agencies.



## Unstructured Data

- ▶ Web-pages



- ▶ News

- ▶ E-mails (e.g., ProMed-Mail)

- ▶ Blogs



- ▶ Medical literature (e.g., books)



- ▶ Scientific papers (e.g., PubMed)

# Research Challenges (1)

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- Large amount of information from multiple sources
  - Extract facts/structured information from unstructured text
  - Manage the specificity of the content (e.g. blogosphere, biomedical literature, news, official reports etc.)
  - Necessity of data aggregation from multiple sources



Speculate about event confidence

- **Solution:** Reliability of the source by majority voting

- Multiple locations, different case status, different victim types lead to multiple data base entries



- **Solution:** spurious event detection and event disambiguation e.g., source 1: 10 victims vs. source 2: 15 victims



# Research Challenges (2)

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- Resolve location disambiguation “Rabies in Isle of Wight”



- What geo-tag in Virginia, USA or UK?
- **Solution:** track geo-tag of the original source of information

- Deal with unknown or undiagnosed diseases



- “The deadly outbreak has so far killed 16 people in Gabon”
- **Solution:** Look into the context/recent outbreaks in this location

- Manage specific dates/times occurrences



- “FMD outbreak was reported last week/today...”
- **Solution:** Use set of regular expressions and date/time ontology



# Existing Systems vs. Designed System (1)

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## Existing Systems

## Designed System

### System Purpose

disease surveillance

research and epidemiological analytics

### Targeted Audience

public

domain experts and analysts

### Processed Data

news, ProMed - Mail

medical literature, research papers, general web-articles, blog posts, e-mails *etc.*



# Existing Systems vs. Designed System (2)

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## Existing Systems

Ontology-based IE (limited by # of diseases, locations etc.)

No functionality for past outbreak tracking

No timeline visualization (BioCaster)

Manual Moderation (HealthMap)

## Designed System

Automatically expanded ontology for IE

Identify events in the historical data, e.g. medical literature

More event attributes: disease, date, location, species, confirmation status

Classify events into two categories: suspected or confirmed



# Targeting Audience



## Research and Public Health communities



1. Managing the specificity of blogosphere



## Health Care Providers (e.g. hospitals)

2. Dealing with biomedical literature



## Governmental Agencies (e.g. Center for Disease Control and Prevention )

3. News content & official reports processing



## Laboratories



4. Capturing all possible breakdowns in communication channels between levels of animal disease management

**State**

**National**

**International**



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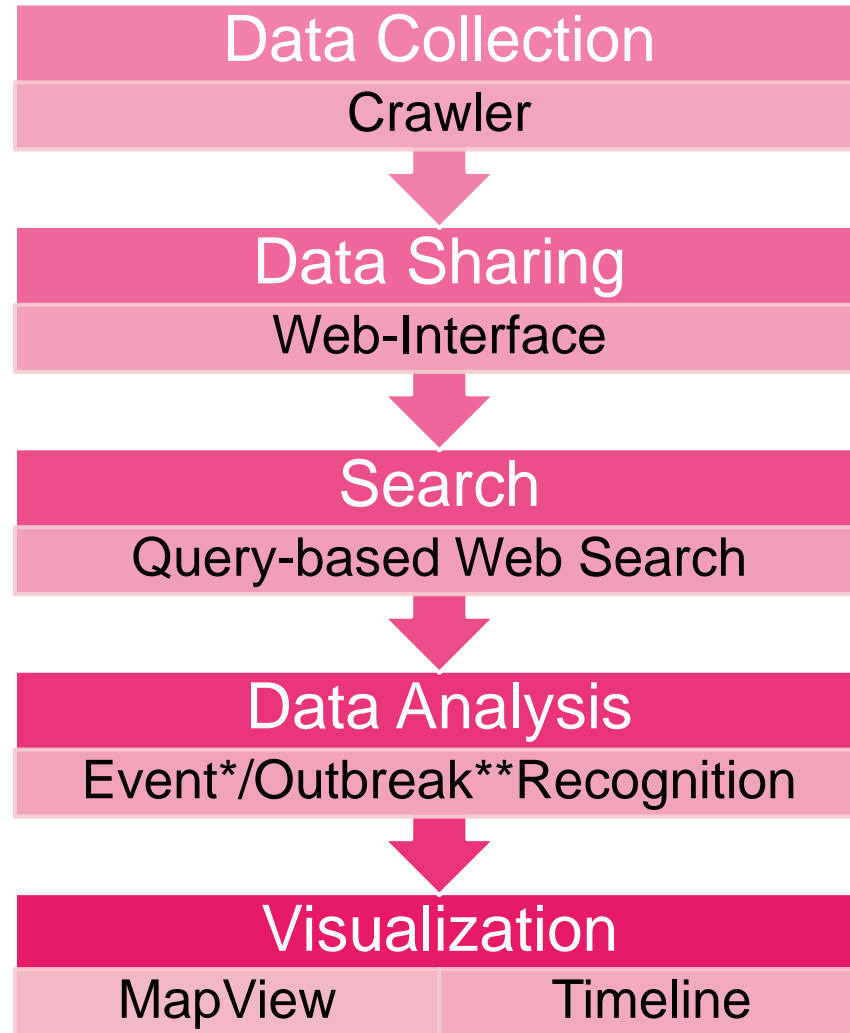
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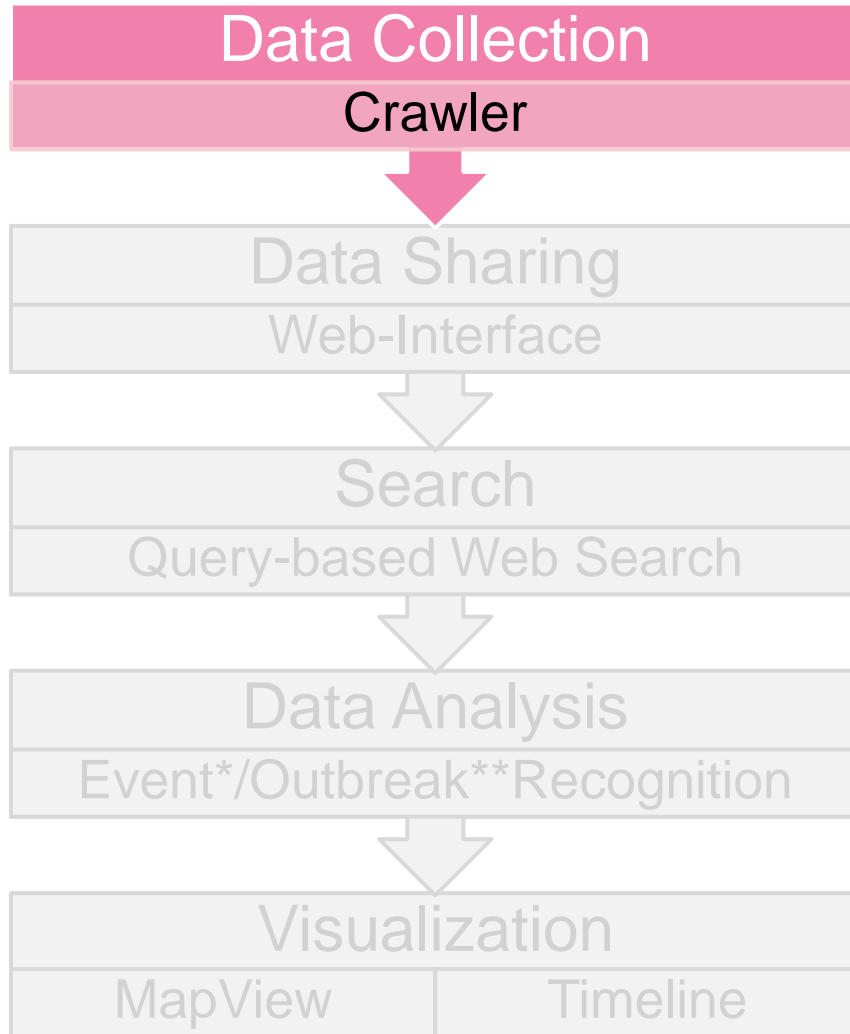


# Framework for Epidemiological Analytics

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# 1. Data Collection (1)

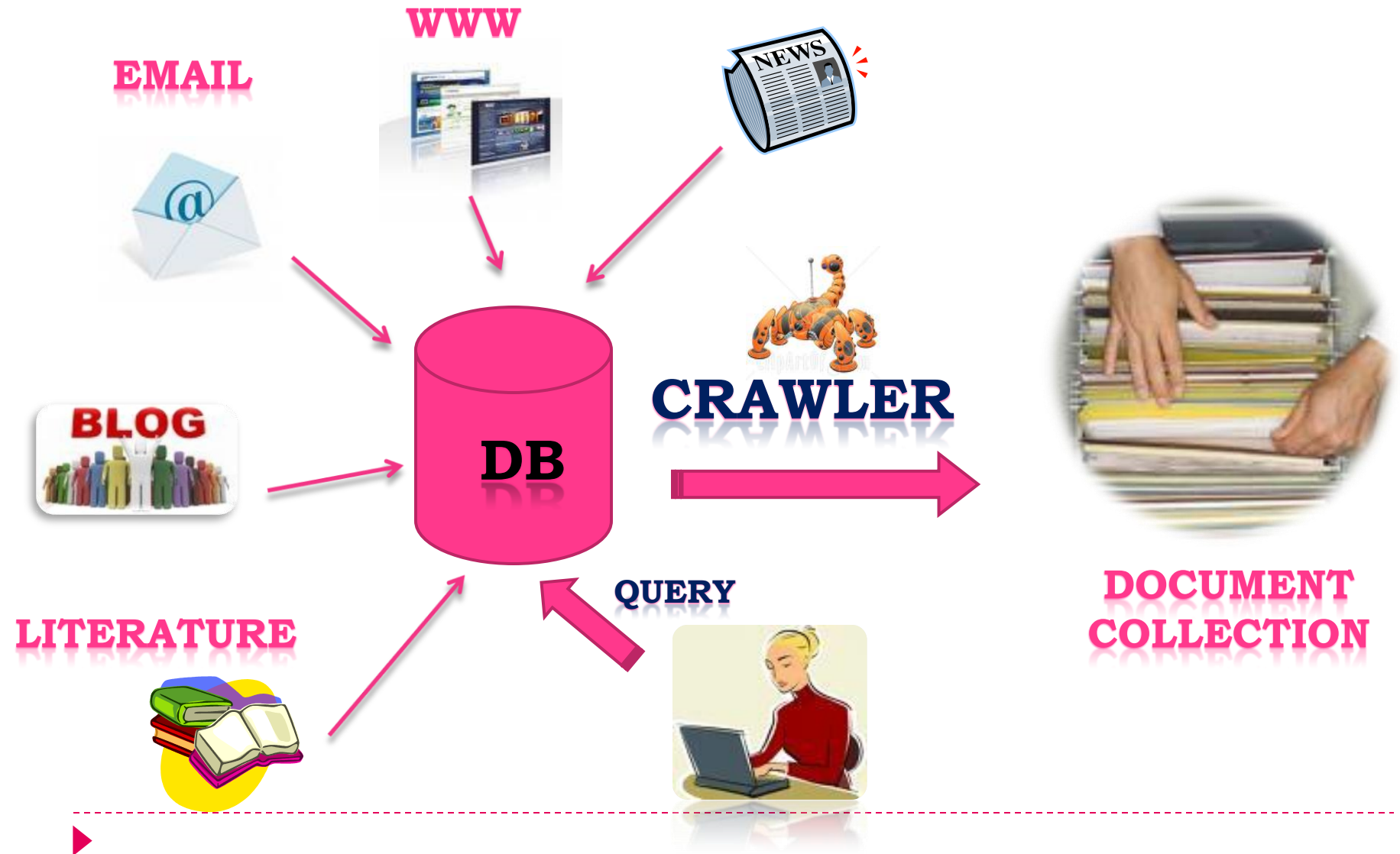


- ▶ Periodically crawl the web using Heritrix crawler - <http://crawler.archive.org/>
  - ▶ set of seeds (ProMED-Mail, DEFRA *etc.*)
  - ▶ set of terms (animal disease names from the ontology)
- ▶ Text-to-tag ratio-based method for **content extraction** from web pages

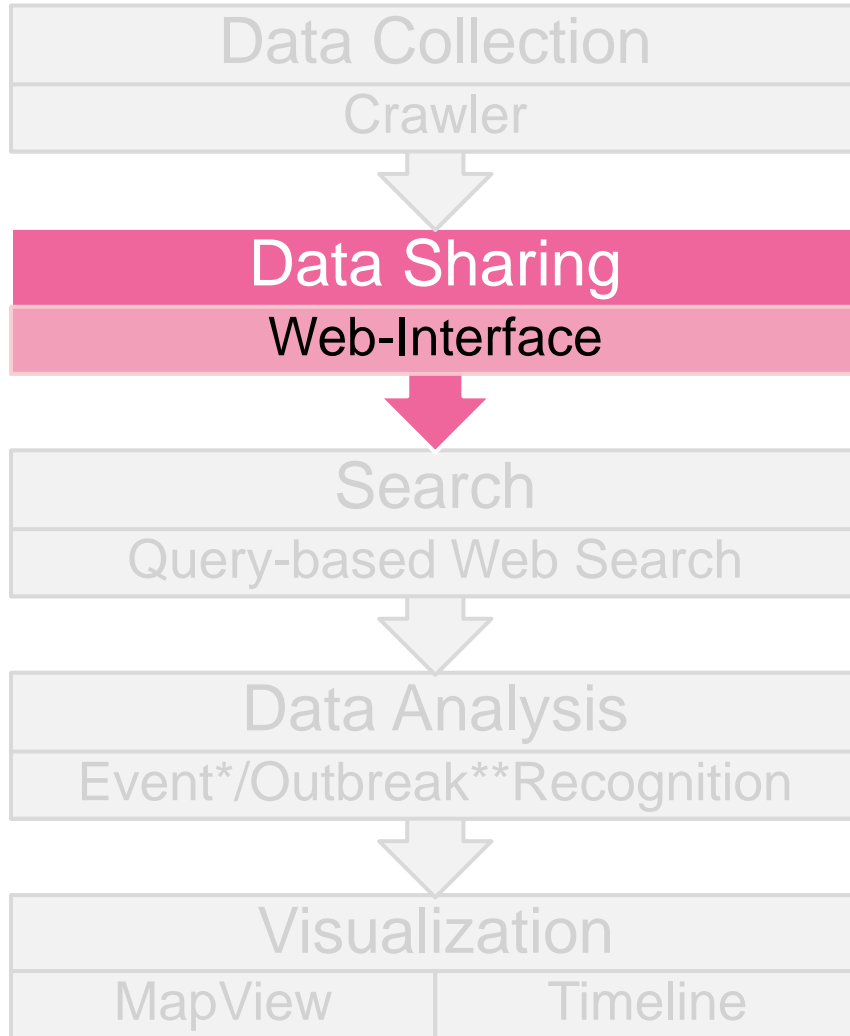


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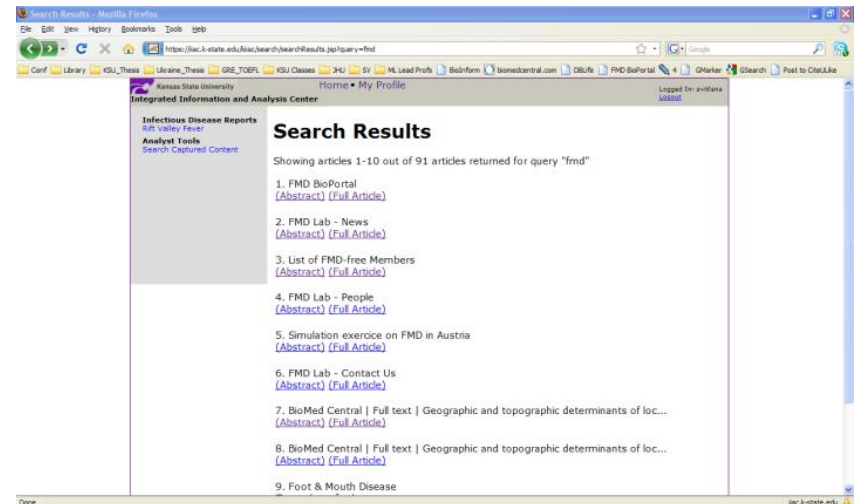
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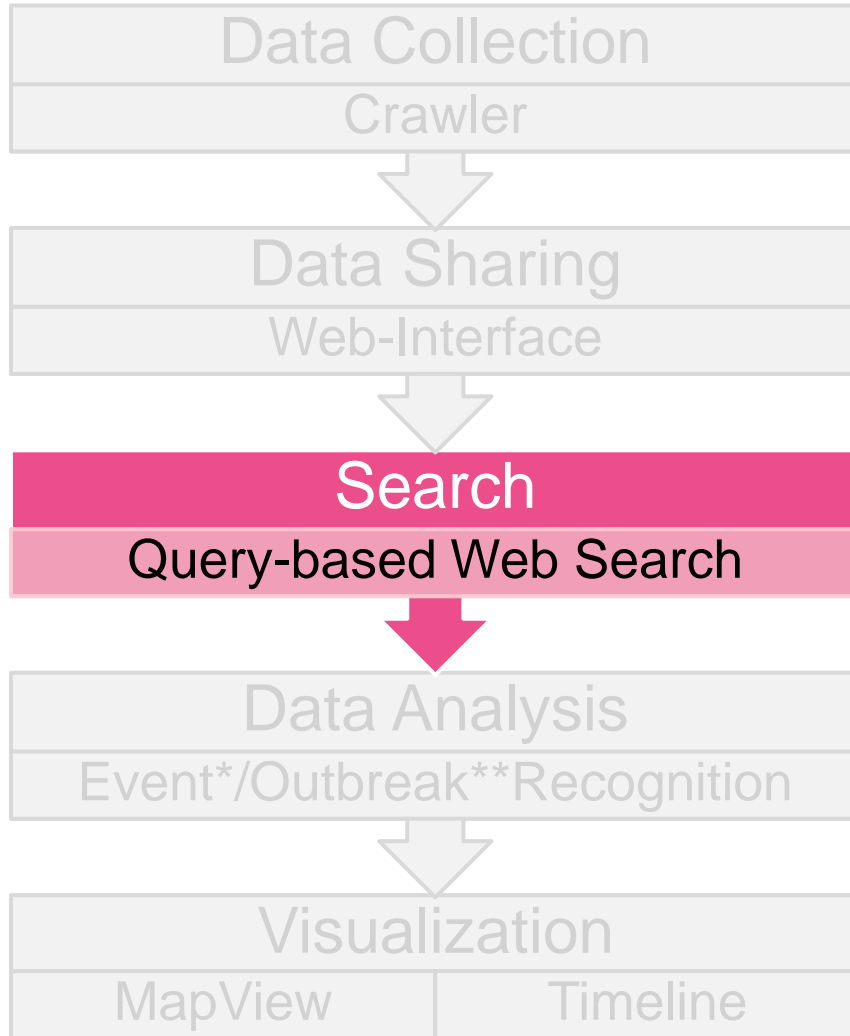
## 2. Data Sharing



- ▶ Document relevance classification using Naive Bayes Classifier from Mallet - <http://mallet.cs.umass.edu>
- ▶ Relevant
- ▶ Non-relevant



### 3. Search

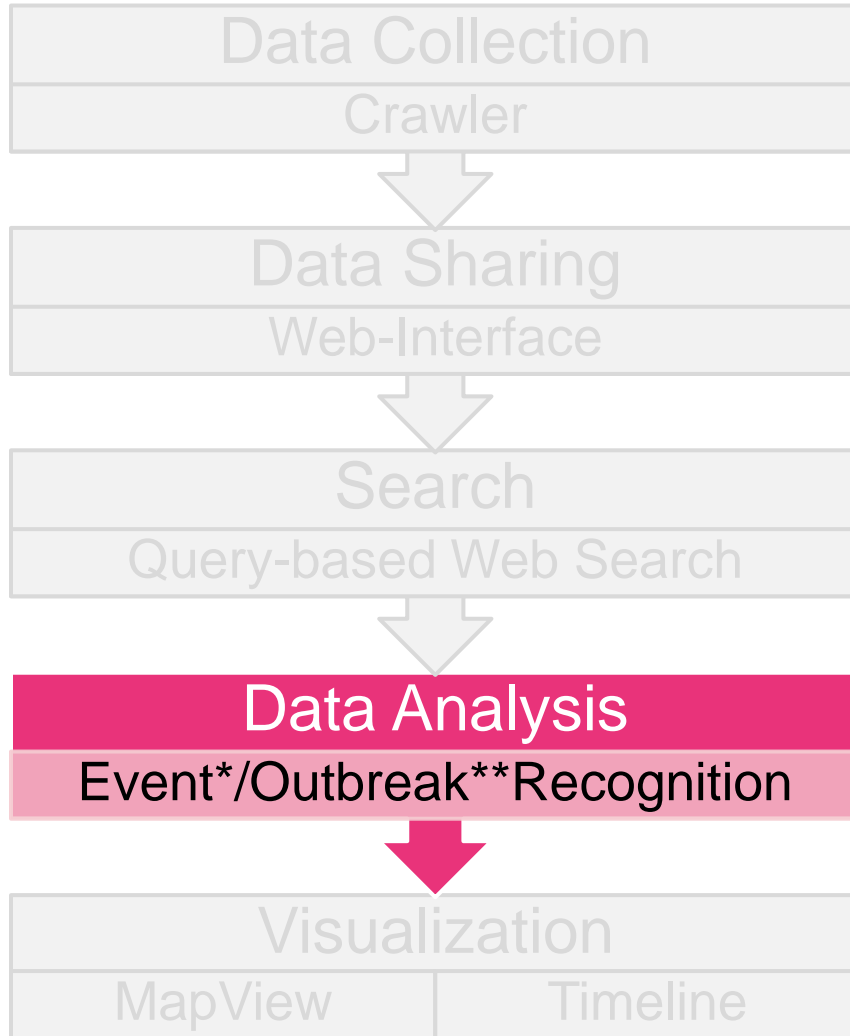


- ▶ Lucene-based\* ranking
- ▶ Query-based keyword search
- ▶ Search by animal **disease name** and/or **location**

\*Lucene - <http://lucene.apache.org>



## 4. Data Analysis



Event example:

“On **12 September 2007**, a  
new **foot-and-mouth disease**  
outbreak was confirmed in  
**Egham, Surrey**”



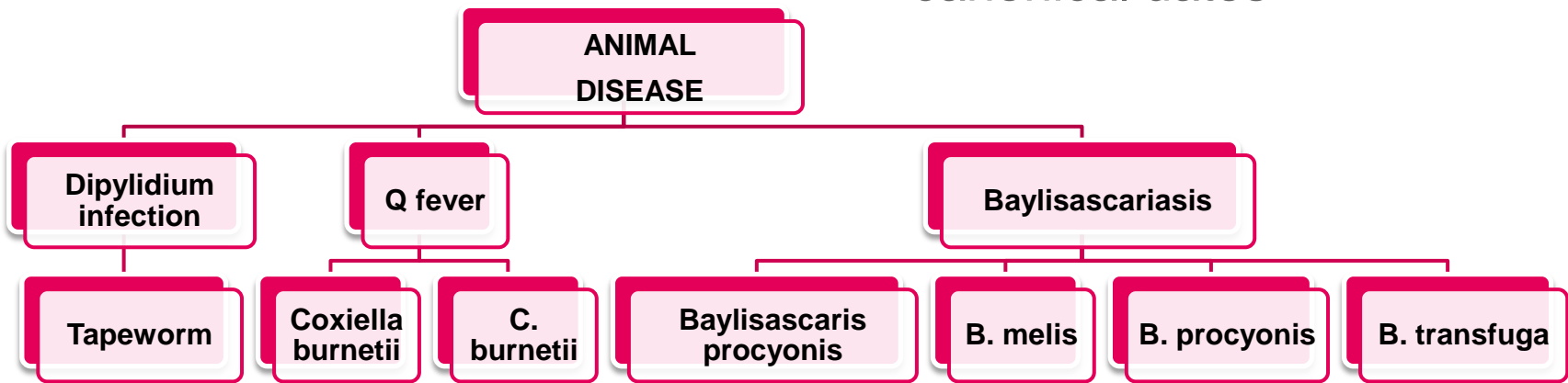
# Domain Meta-data

## Domain-specific knowledge

- ▶ Medical ontology
  - ▶ diseases, serotypes, and viruses.

## Domain-independent knowledge

- ▶ Location hierarchy
  - ▶ names of countries, states, cities;
- ▶ Time hierarchy
  - ▶ canonical dates.





# Event Recognition Methodology

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- ▶ **Step 1.** Entity recognition from raw text.
- ▶ **Step 2.** Sentence classification from which entities are extracted as being related to an event or not; if they are related to an event we classify them as confirmed or suspected.
- ▶ **Step 3.** Combination of entities within an event sentence into the structured tuples and aggregation of tuples related to the same event into one comprehensive tuple.



# Step 1.Entity Recognition

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- ▶ Locate and classify atomic elements into predefined categories:
  - ▶ **Disease names:** “foot and mouth disease”, “rift valley fever”; **viruses:** “picornavirus”; **serotypes:** “Asia-1”;
  - ▶ **Species:** “sheep”, “pigs”, “cattle” and “livestock”;
  - ▶ **Locations** of events specified at different levels of granularity: “United Kingdom”, “eastern provinces of Shandong and Jiangsu, China”;
  - ▶ **Dates** in different formats: “last Tuesday”, “two month ago”.



# Entity Recognition Tools

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## ▶ Animal Disease Extractor\*

- ▶ relies on a medical ontology, automatically-enriched with synonyms and causative viruses.

## ▶ Species Extractor\*

- ▶ pattern matching on a stemmed dictionary of animal names from Wikipedia.



## ▶ Location Extractor

- ▶ Stanford NER Tool\*\* (uses conditional random fields);
- ▶ NGA GEOnet Names Database (GNS)\*\*\* for location disambiguation and retrieving latitude/longitude.

## ▶ Date/Time Extractor

- ▶ set of regular expressions.

\*KDD KSU DSEx - <http://fingolfin.user.cis.ksu.edu:8080/diseaseextractor/>

\*\*Stanford NER - <http://nlp.stanford.edu/ner/index.shtml>

\*\*\*GNS - <http://earth-info.nga.mil/gns/html/>



## Step 2. Event Sentence Classification

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- ▶ Constraint: True events should include a disease name together with a status verb from **Google Sets\*** and **WordNet\*\*** (eliminate event non-related sentences).
  - ▶ “Foot and mouth disease **is**<sub>[V]</sub> a highly pathogenic animal disease”.
- ▶ Confirmed status verbs “*happened*” and verb phrases “*strike out*”
  - ▶ “On 9 Jun 2009, the farm's owner **reported**<sub>[V]</sub> symptoms of FMD in more than 30 hogs”.
- ▶ Suspected status verbs “*catch*” and verb phrases “*be taken in*”
  - ▶ “RVF is **suspected**<sub>[V]</sub> in Saudi Arabia in September 2000”.

\*GoogleSets - <http://labs.google.com/sets>

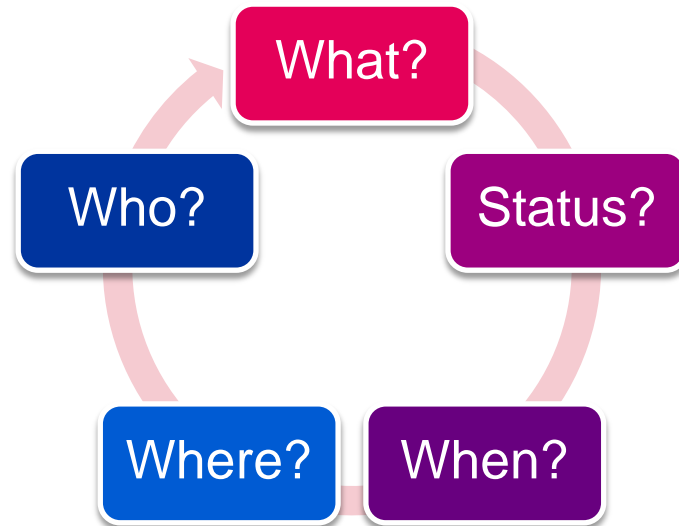
\*\*WordNet - <http://wordnet.princeton.edu/>



## Step 3. Event Tuple Generation

### ▶ Event attributes:

- ▶ disease
- ▶ date
- ▶ location
- ▶ species
- ▶ confirmation status



### ▶ Event tuple:

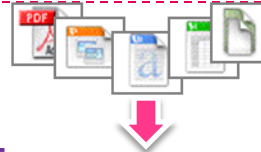
- ▶  $\text{Event}_i = \langle \text{disease}; \text{date}; \text{location}; \text{species}; \text{status} \rangle = \langle \text{FMD}, 9 \text{ Jun } 2009, \text{Taoyuan}, \text{hog}, \text{confirmed} \rangle$

### ▶ Event tuple with missing attributes:

- ▶  $\text{Event}_j = \langle \text{FMD}, ?, ?, ?, \text{confirmed} \rangle$



# Event Recognition Workflow



## Step 1: Entity Recognition

**Foot-and-mouth disease**<sub>[DIS]</sub> on **hog**<sub>[SP]</sub> farm in **Taoyuan**<sub>[LOC]</sub>.

Taiwan's TVBS television station reports that agricultural authorities confirmed **foot-and-mouth disease**<sub>[DIS]</sub> on a **hog**<sub>[SP]</sub> farm in **Taoyuan**<sub>[LOC]</sub>. On **9 Jun 2009**<sub>[DT]</sub>, the farm's owner reported symptoms of **FMD**<sub>[DIS]</sub> in more than 30 **hogs**<sub>[SP]</sub>. Subsequent testing confirmed **FMD**<sub>[DIS]</sub>. Agricultural authorities asked the farmer to strengthen immunization. The outbreak has not affected other farms. Authorities stipulated that the affected **hog**<sub>[SP]</sub> farm may not sell pork for 2 weeks.



## Step 2: Sentence Classification

- YES** 1. **Foot-and-mouth disease**<sub>[DIS]</sub> on **hog**<sub>[SP]</sub> farm in **Taoyuan**<sub>[LOC]</sub>.
- YES** 2. Taiwan's TVBS television station **reports** that agricultural authorities **confirmed** **foot-and-mouth disease**<sub>[DIS]</sub> on a **hog**<sub>[SP]</sub> farm in **Taoyuan**<sub>[LOC]</sub>.
- YES** 3. On **9 Jun 2009**<sub>[DT]</sub>, the farm's owner **reported** symptoms of **FMD**<sub>[DIS]</sub> in more than 30 **hogs**<sub>[SP]</sub>.
- YES** 4. Subsequent testing **confirmed** **FMD**<sub>[DIS]</sub>.
- NO** 5. Agricultural authorities asked the farmer to strengthen immunization.
- NO** 6. The outbreak has not affected other farms.
- NO** 7. Authorities stipulated that the affected **hog**<sub>[SP]</sub> farm may not sell pork for 2 weeks.



## Step 3a: Tuple Generation

E<sub>1</sub> = <**Foot-and-mouth disease**, ?, **Taoyuan**, **hog**, ?>

E<sub>3</sub> = <**FMD**, **9 Jun 2009**, ?, **hog**, **reported**>

E<sub>2</sub> = <**Foot-and-mouth disease**, ?, **Taoyuan**, **hog**, **confirmed**>

E<sub>4</sub> = <**FMD**, ?, ?, ?, **confirmed**>



## Step 3b: Tuple Aggregation

E = <**disease**, **date**, **location**, **species**, **status**> = <**Foot-and-mouth disease**, **9 Jun 2009**, **Taoyuan**, **hog**, **confirmed**>



# Animal Disease Extraction Results (1)

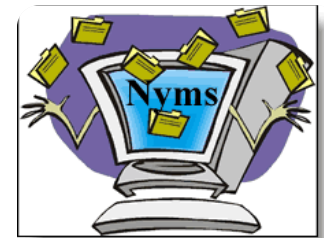
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- **Synonymic relationships** – “E1 is a kind of E2”

E1 = “swine influenza” is a kind of E2 = “swine fever”

- **Hyponymic relationships** – “E1 and E2 are diseases”

E1 = “anthrax”, E2 = “yellow fever” are diseases



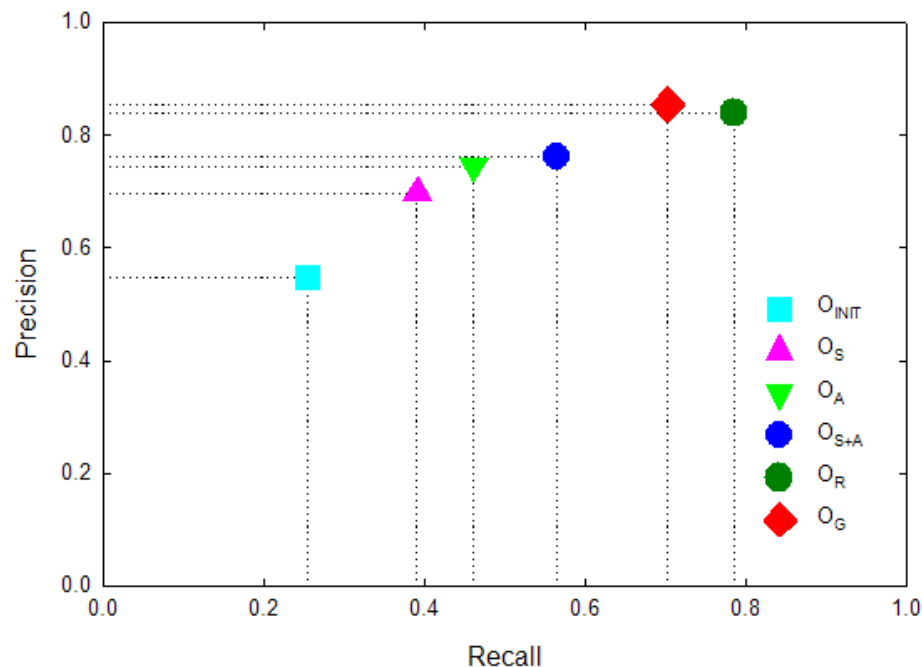
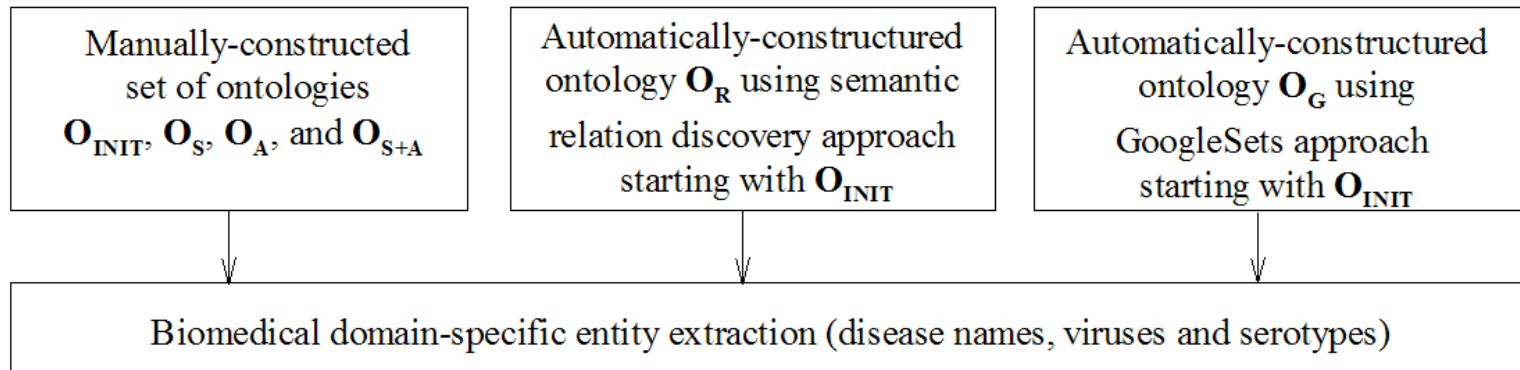
- **Causal relationships** – “E1 is caused by E2”

E1 = “Ovine epididymitis” is caused by E2 = “Brucella ovis”

| Synonymic   | Hyponymic   | Causal  |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “is a”, “and”</li><li>• “also known as”</li><li>• “is also called ”</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “such as”</li><li>• “for example”</li><li>• “including”</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “is caused by”</li><li>• “causes”</li></ul> |

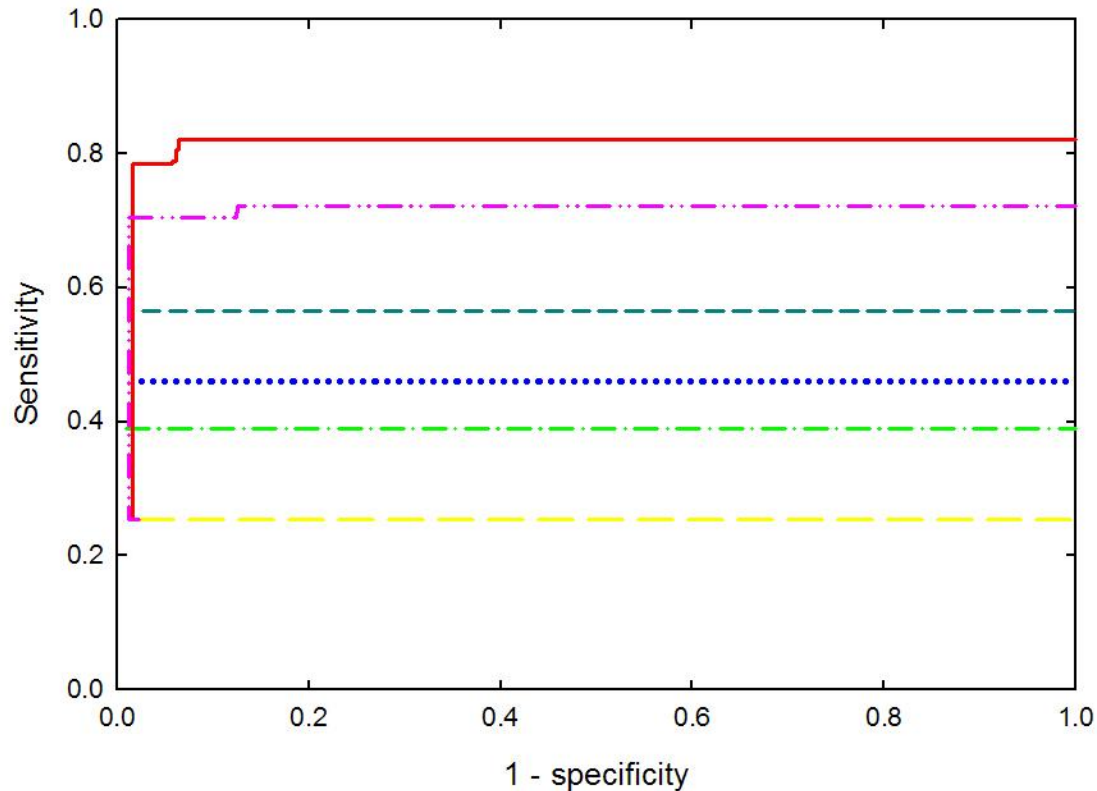


# Animal Disease Extraction Results (2)





# Animal Disease Extraction Results (3)



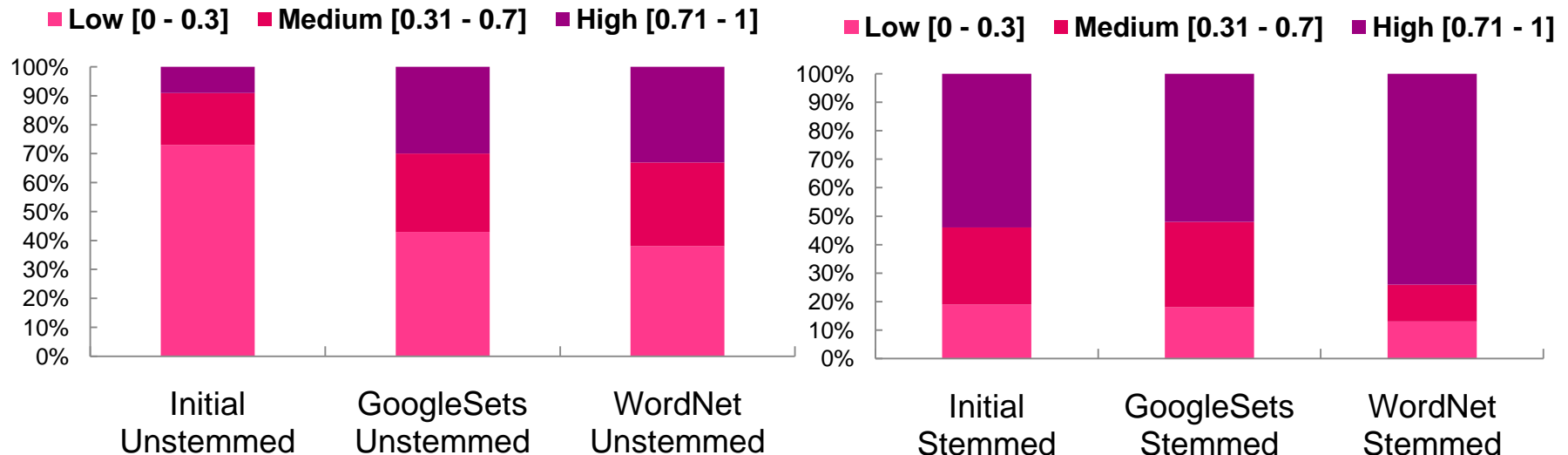
- Initial Ontology  $O_{INIT}$
- Ontology  $O_s$  with manually discovered synonyms
- Ontology  $O_A$  with manually discovered abbreviations
- Ontology  $O_{s+A}$  with manually collected synonyms, abbreviations
- Ontology  $O_R$  learned using semantic relationship extraction
- Ontology  $O_G$  learned using GoogleSets expansion

# Event Recognition Results

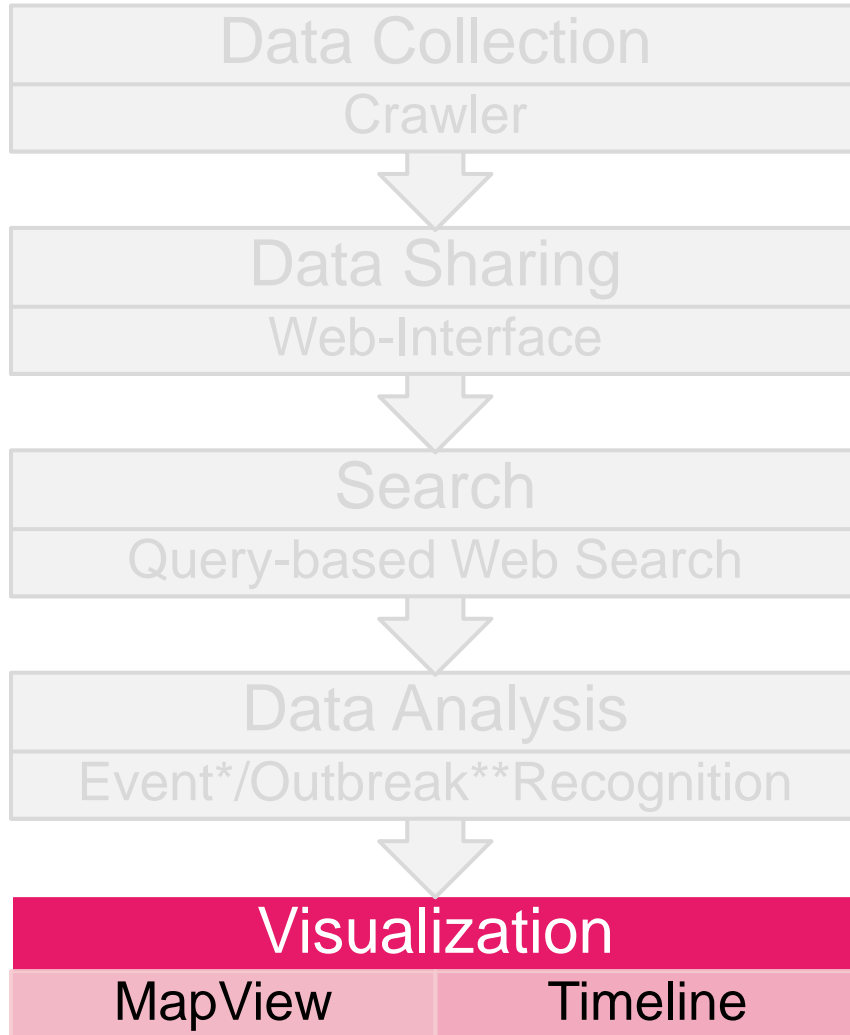
$$\text{Score}_i = \langle w_d \text{disease}; w_t \text{date}; w_l \text{location}; w_s \text{species}; w_c \text{status} \dots \rangle,$$

*subject to disease + status = 2*

- ▶ Interpret the **Pyramid score values** - [http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/~becky/DUC2006/2006-pyramid-guidelines.html\\_ducview](http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/~becky/DUC2006/2006-pyramid-guidelines.html_ducview) as an **event extraction accuracy**
- ▶ Apply list of verbs from **GoogleSets** and **WordNet**
- ▶ We use **NS (unstemmed)** and **S (stemmed)** versions of the verb lists



# 5. Visualization



## ▶ Map View

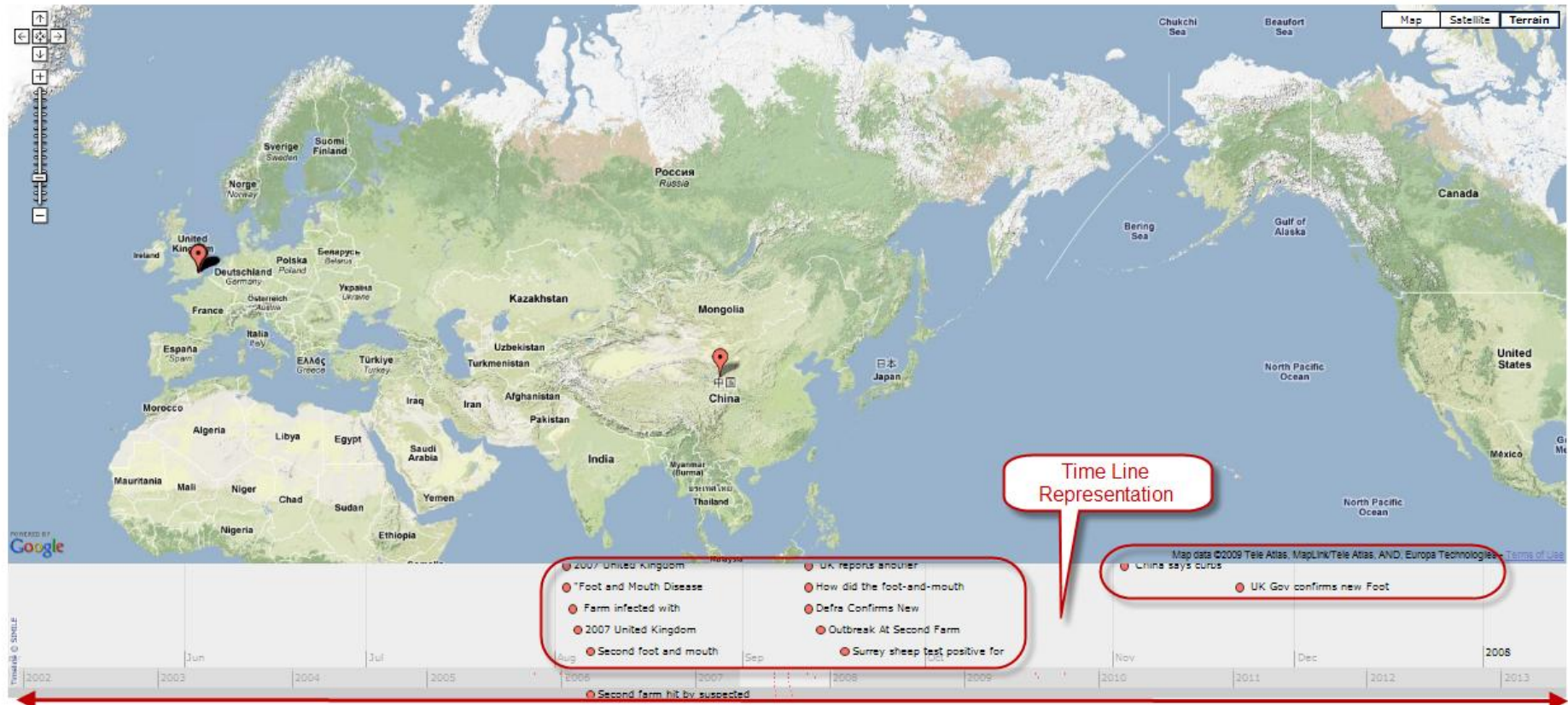
- ▶ GoogleMaps API - <http://code.google.com/apis/maps/>

## ▶ TimeLine View

- ▶ SIMILE API - <http://www.simile-widgets.org/timeline/>



In this example, we are visualising the TimeMap of FMD OutBreak of 2007 and 2001 in UK



## Event Representation by Date/Time Timeline View

[http://fingolfin.user.cis.ksu.edu/timemap.1.4/FMD\\_2007\\_UK\\_Viz/FMD\\_Viz.htm](http://fingolfin.user.cis.ksu.edu/timemap.1.4/FMD_2007_UK_Viz/FMD_Viz.htm)



# Foot and Mouth Disease in UK

In this example, we are visualising the TimeMap of FMD OutBreak of 2007 and 2001 in UK



## Event Representation by Location Map View

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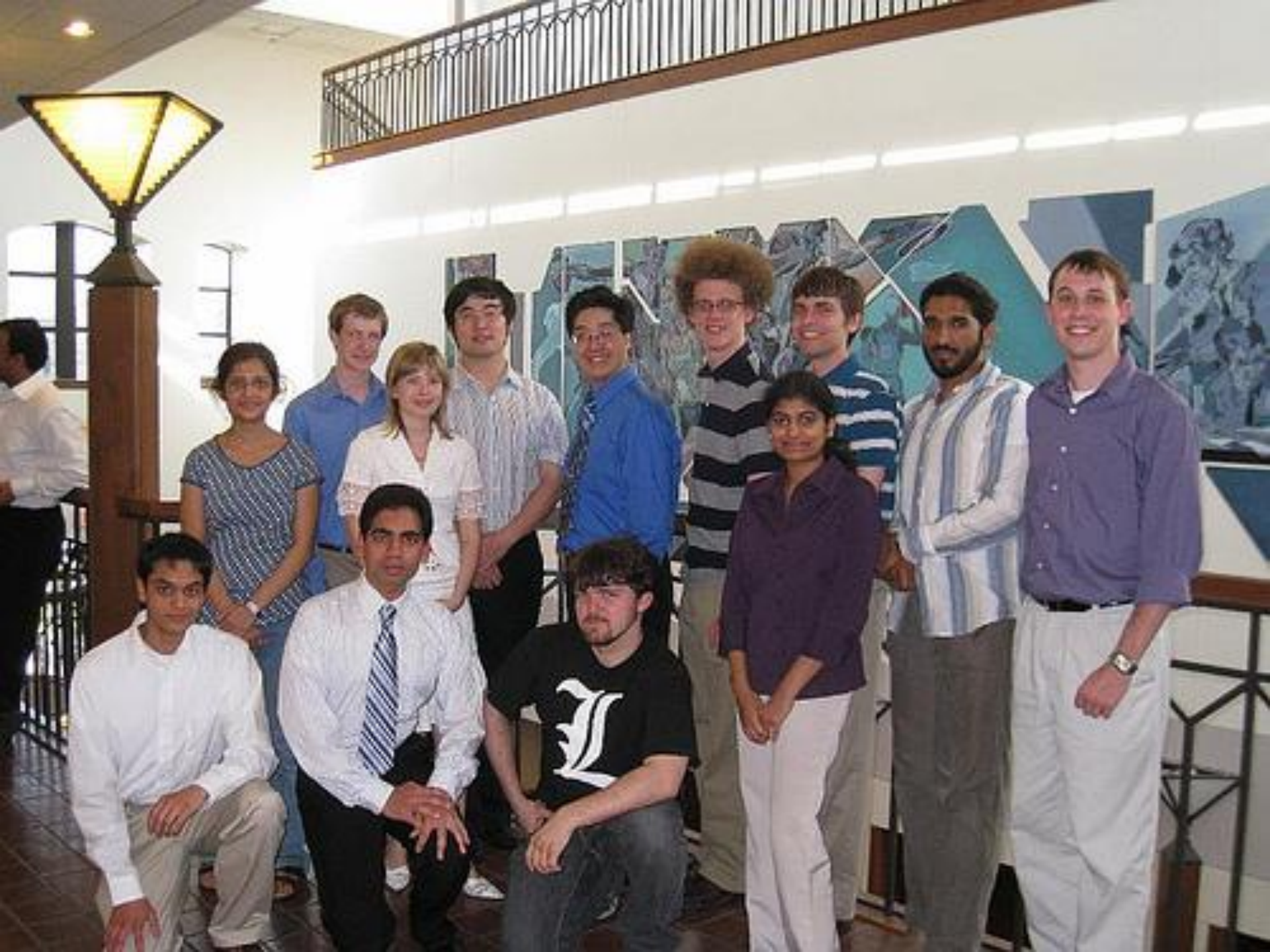
# Summary

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- ▶ perform focused crawling of different sources (books, research papers, blogs, governmental sources, etc.)
- ▶ use semantic relationship learning approach (including synonymic, hyponymic, causal relationships) for automated-ontology expansion for domain-specific entity extraction (e.g., diseases, viruses)
- ▶ recognize geo-entities using CRF approach and disambiguates them using GNServer
- ▶ extract animal disease-related events with more descriptive event attributes such as: species, dates, event confirmation status, in contrast to "disease-location" pairs
- ▶ support timeline representation of extracted events in SIMILE in addition to visualized events on GoogleMaps







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