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Information retrieval 717 (INY 717)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	15.00
Programmes	BISHons Information Science
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Information Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

"Information is continuing to grow exponentially, diversifying into many forms and media. In this complex labyrinth there is a definite need for increased effort aimed at tailoring IR performance to user demands" (Ingwersen, 1992).
In this module students will study information retrieval from a systems perspective, but with the human user in mind. Best-match and Boolean systems will be studied in some detail, focussing on the different aspects of human and machine relevance. Information seeking behaviour studies that can support the enhancement of IR performance will also be covered.