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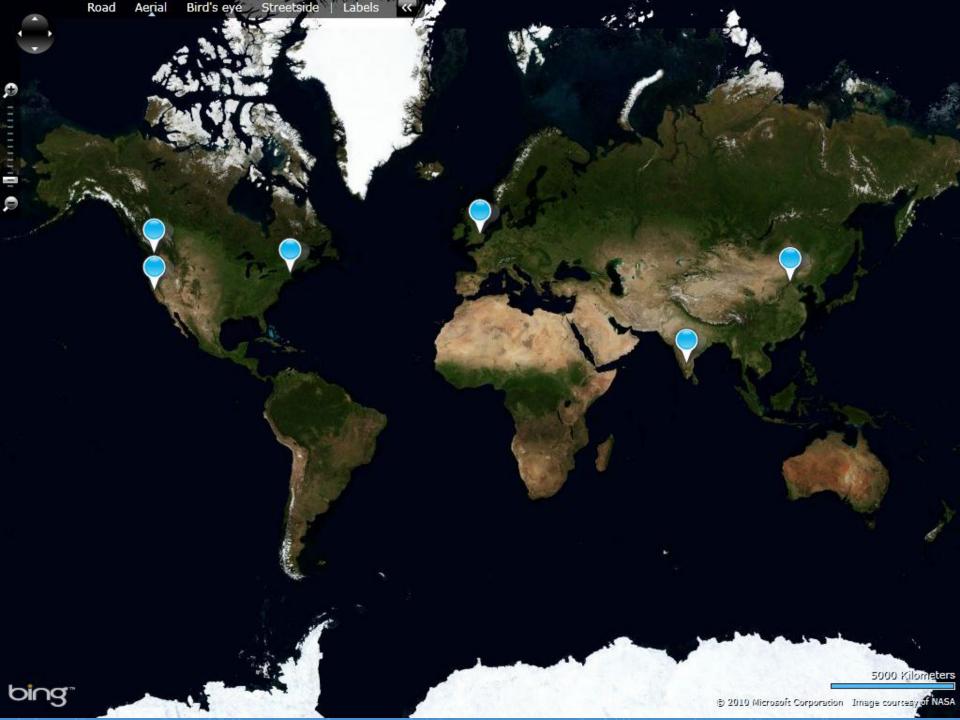
Dr Scarlet Schwiderski-Grosche Scientific Manager

Research Connections

Objective of this Talk

- To tell you more about Microsoft Research Connections
 - Global
 - EMEA
 - PhD Programme
 - Other engagements





Microsoft Research

- Expand the state of the art in each of the areas in which we do research
- Rapidly transfer innovative technologies into Microsoft products
- Ensure that Microsoft products have a future



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Windows

India Labs

Live Labs

Startup Business Accelerator

Search Labs

Rich Media Labs

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Security & Privacy

Human-Computer Interaction

Microsoft Research

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Microsoft Research Connections

Work broadly with the academic and research community to speed research, improve education, foster innovation and improve lives around the world.

Support university research through collaborative partnerships



Accelerate university research and education through technology investments



Inspire the next generation of researchers and scientists



Drive awareness of Microsoft contributions to research



Engagement and Collaboration Focus



Research Accelerators

- Worldwide Telescope
- Microsoft Biology Foundation
- Chemistry Add-in for Word
- Zentity
- Trident Workflow Workbench

Global Partnerships

- Centre for Computational and Systems Biology
- Microsoft Research-INRIA Joint Centre
- Microsoft Research Asia (MSRA) Joint Lab Program
- Microsoft & FAPESP

People

- Faculty Fellows
- Graduate Women Scholars
- Jim Gray eScience Award
- Student Internships
- ACM Student Research Competition

Investment Focus

Programming, Tools, Mobile Natural User Interfaces WW Telescope, Climate Change Earth Sciences Academic Search, Digital Humanities, Publishing MS Biology Foundation & Tools Judith Bishop Kris Tolle Dan Fay Lee Dirks Simon Mercer Kregional Outreach/Engagements EMEA: Fabrizio Gagliardi Asia: Lolan Song LATAM: Jaime Puente India: Vidya Natampally America/Aus/NZ: Harold Javid	Computer Science		Earth, Energy, and Environment	Education & Scholarly Communication	Health & Wellbeing			
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High-quality and high-impact software release and community adoption <i>Derick Campbell</i>								





PhD Summer School 2011

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School 2011 Microsoft Research Connections

Innovation Centres – Tarek Elabbady

CMIC

- Bing Arab Countries Market Owners
- Best Arabic Natural Language Processing Technology Stack

EMIC

- Embedded StreamInsight
- VENUS-C
- SWEPT

ILDC

- New member of MSR family
- Telecoms,
 Security, Online services and Entertainment







Regional Collaborations at Joint Institutes



INRIA, FRANCE

SOFTWARE SECURITY

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

INTERACTION



UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO, ITALY

COMPUTATIONAL TOOLS FOR SYSTEMS BIOLOGY



BARCELONA SUPERCOMPUTING CENTRE, SPAIN

MULTI CORE SYSTEMS

ARCHITECTURES AND PROGRAMMING

LANGUAGE RUNTIMES

WWW.MSR-INRIA.INRIA.FR

WWW.COSBI.EU

WWW.BSCMSRC.EU

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Microsoft Research Connections EMEA

- Fabrizio Gagliardi (EMEA Director)
- Luisa Marie Küppers (EMEA Business Manager)
 - Noemie Elisa Laverne



- Scarlet Schwiderski-Grosche (EMEA Scientific Manager)
- Kenji Takeda (EMEA Technical Manager)
 - Julia Brading

Russia:

Elena Pavlova



Our Work in the Region

- Flexible engagement approach
 - Joint institutes
 - PhD Scholarships
 - Faculty Fellowships
 - Conference sponsorships
 - Internships
 - Events (e.g. workshops)
 - Collaborative projects



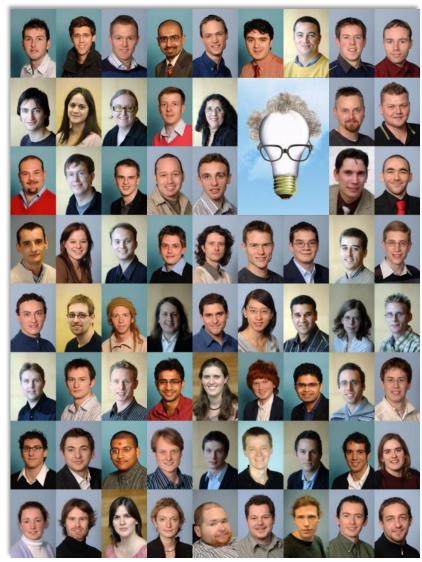






Started in 2004

- EMEA academics apply with their research project
- Selected projects start in the following academic year
- Students are co-supervised by an MSRC researcher
- Students often do Internships at MSRC
- Around 25 students a year
- Over 200 PhD students in total (~ 100 active)



Special agreements with

- Max Planck Society in Germany
- UK Research Council (Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Awards and CASE Studentships)
- Irish Research Council IRCSET
- Currently exploring
- EU co-funding
- Agreement with University of Edinburgh

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Research

PhD Scholarship



PhD Summer School

- Networking
 - PhD Scholars
 - Students from joint labs (INRIA, BSC, CoSBi)
 - Students from Max Planck
 - Students sent from Innovation Centres
 - Students sent via Cambridge Computer Lab, CosmoComp ITN, Russia MRC
 - MSR researchers
 - Cambridge academics
- 'Transferable skills'
 - Write paper or poster, give talk, become an entrepreneur, apply for funding, career advice
- Research talks
 - Latest 'stuff' from MSR
- MRC projects talks/demo
- Poster sessions
- Social events



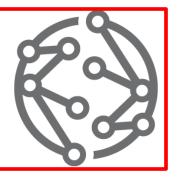






MRC Engagements by Theme

- Computer Science
 - Project Hawaii
 - F#
 - Gadgeteer
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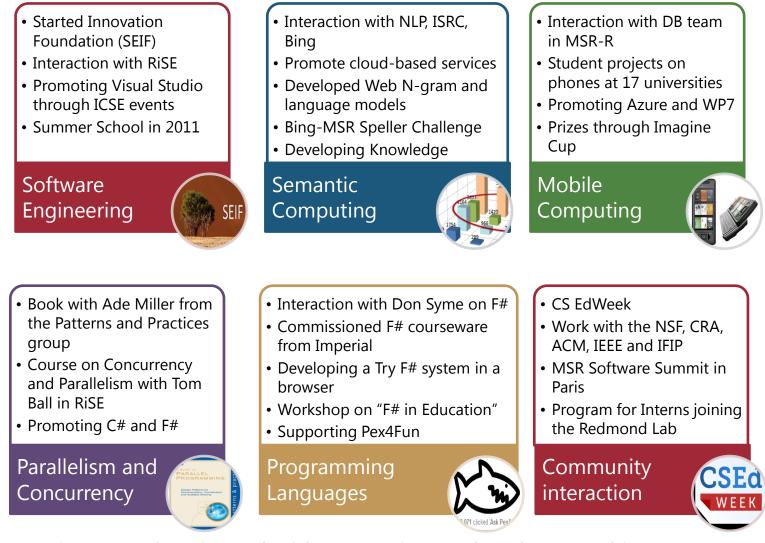


- Earth, Energy and Environment
 - WW Telescope
- Natural User Interfaces
 - Kinect research projects
- Education & Scholarly Communication
 - Academic Search
- Health & Wellbeing
 - Microsoft Biology Foundation



MRC Computer Science Topics





CS is research-oriented with strong internal and external impact

Project Hawaii



Effort to investigate the ability of the **cloud** to enhance end-user experience on **mobile** devices

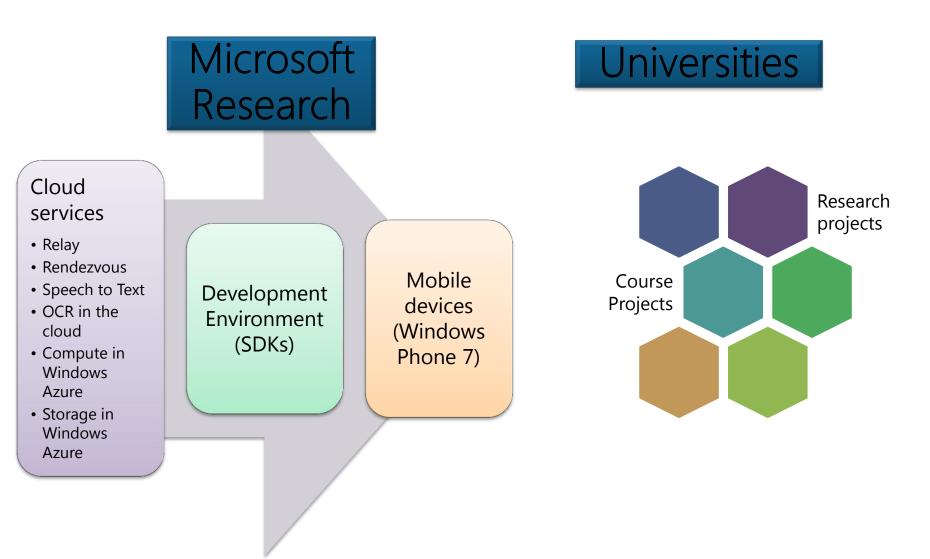
 To unleash the creative power of students by lowering barriers to writing mobile + cloud apps





What does Hawaii offer?







Spring 2011 Semester



- Launched Hawaii in 21 universities
- Close to **300** students start using Hawaii (with Windows Phone 7)





<u>CSE 481M: Home Networking Capstone</u>, co-taught by <u>Ratul Mahajan</u>, <u>David Wetherall</u> and <u>John Zahorjan</u>

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What are the student building?



http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/redmond/projects/hawaii/applications/

Flagged Down

Flagged Down is a mobile application that aims to allow users to search and hail cabs within their vicinity.



Singapore Management University, School of Information Systems: Alex Chng, Hendry Poh, Nicholas Szetoh, Tan Jun Ming, Bevan. Smart Bike Pedometer

Smart Bike Pedometer: GPS & Accelerometer Based, Real-time Information: Burned Calories; Elapsed Time; Distance; Speed

On the Phone:Data Acquisition, User Interface. In the Cloud: Record Keeping, Route Sharing, Road Information Datasets, Route Condition Inference Engine.





University of Southern California: Bo-Chun Wang.

Parking Assistant

Crowd-Sourced Parking: Driven by Social Networking. Users Rank Lots: Parking Availability, Cost, Convenience, System Find Available Spots Close to User.

On the Phone: Location Tracking, User Interface In the Cloud: System State, Space Ranking Algorithm



University of Southern California: Gaurav Sanghavi, Nirmit Desai.

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World Wide Telescope

Seamless Rich Social Media Virtual Sky Web application for science and education

- Science- Seamless integration of multiwavelength, multiple telescope distributed image/data sets and one click contextual access to distributed web information/data sources
- Education- Easy as Powerpoint, rich social media authoring environment within the sky allowing astronomers, educators and kids to create and share rich narrated guided tours of the universe

ID magazine International Design Annual "Best in category; Interactive 2009" **TIME magazine** "50 Best sites on the Internet 2009"

Harvard-Smithsonian: Alyssa Goodman Johns Hopkins University: Alex Szalay Microsoft Research: Curtis Wong, Jonathan Fay



NUI – Kinect SDK and WWT





http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-tMp4WkQjA

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www.worldwidetelescope.org



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- Alex Szalay, Astronomer Johns Hopkins University
- Curtis Wong, Principal Researcher Microsoft Research
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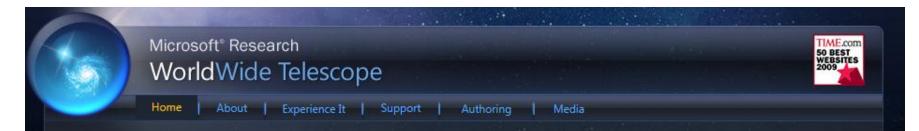


Worldwide Telescope

Project: Seamless Astronomy at Harvard	WWT Outreac	h		
Windows Client launched at TED'08 Silverlight Client launched at	WWT at center of China eclipse July '09	NASA Space A		\mathbb{N}
MIX'09 Over 6 Million unique visitors TED'10 demo by Blaise to show Bing Maps SL integration with WWT SL	Localizations in 5 languages Community Servers in China & Japan WWT Coursework developed Galileo Tour celebrating 400 th anniversary launched WWT Ambassadors program (Harvard & WGBH) NSF funding	NASA provide content in WWT format for Moon and Mars – launch March '10 SAA allowed MS to have more combined marketing PDC Azure Demo by DPE – Be A Martian, leveraged GalaxyZoo effort NASA Explorer Schools to adopt WWT Planetarium	WWT Earth Visualize environmental datasets Bring gaming experience to environmental data Have high-end Rich Internet App to complement Bing Maps Prototype demo'd at AGU'09 Re-architecture building on Win7, DX11, etc – exposing API	
			3D Scientific exploration and inquiry tool	

Earth, Energy, and Environment





Welcome to the WWT Excel Add-In program

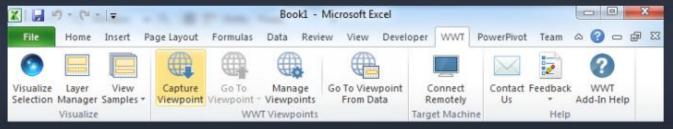
We are very excited to welcome you to our program and appreciate your interest and participation.

Overview

Earth science is highly dependent on data with (almost always) a geospatial context. We have built out Worldwide Telescope (WWT) to support earth system science with emphasis on time series support, 3D rendering, and an interface that leverages the computer's graphics engine to provide complete freedom of perspective. But a simple problem remains: How to get your data into the WWT earth model? Data sources and types are literally and figuratively all over the map; so we focused on one common representation that is widely in use and close to home: **The Excel spreadsheet**.

About WWT Excel Add-in Key Features System Requirements Download Links Installation Instructions Ask questions and provide feedback Known Issues

About WWT Excel Add-in



Worldwide Telescope | Earth

- A seamless visual environment
- Sky and earth-based visualizations
- Create and share tours of your data
- <u>Run demo</u>

Introducing an Excel Add-in for geo-spatial data visualizations





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Natural User Interface



Kinect Academic Program

- Fund academic projects and competitions around the Kinect SDK
- Leverage MCR Events, Subs and MSR Labs
- Rely on DPE/ADEs for broader reach

Machine Translation Toolkit

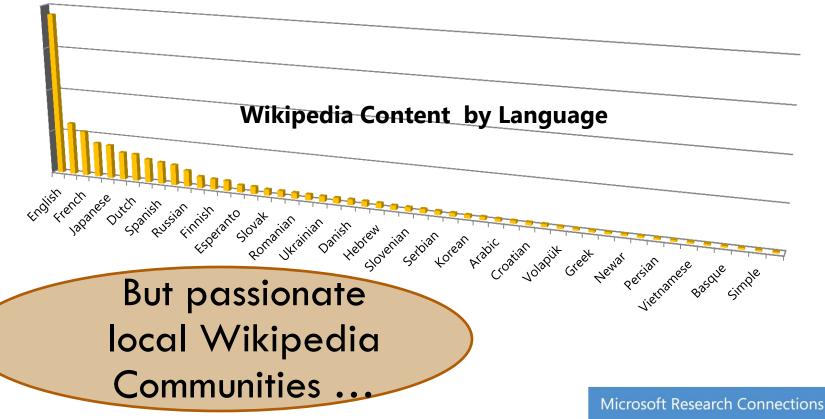
- MRC large "swim lane" project
- Leverage the MSR MT Team for community outreach and development
- Rely on MSR PM for ALL tech transfer work

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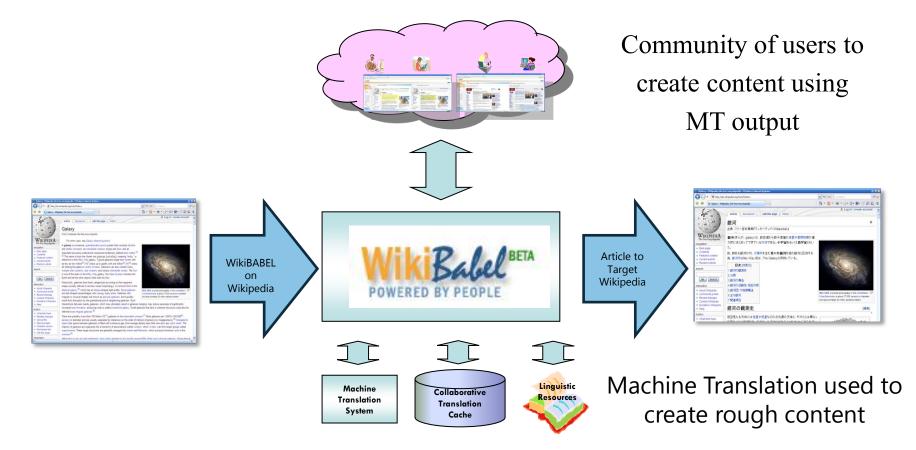
- Focus resources on the success of Kinect and MT
- Focus on Data Visualization
- Rely on regions to PM additional local projects

A Special Data Source: Wikipedia

- Wikipedia is among the most valuable resources
 - LARGE: ~14M Articles
 - META-DATA rich: Mark-ups, Templates, Topics...
 - MULTILINGUAL: Available in 250+ languages
 - SEMANTICALLY LINKED: Articles linked by Semantics
- Wikipedia content is also skewed



The WikiBhasha Project: A symbiotic mix of Machine and Human Translation...



Wikipedian's Perspective: Faster creation of Multilingual content

Technology Perspective: User corrections captured as data

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SenseCam: A Wearable Automatic Digital Camera

- Simple device
 - wide-angle lens
 - automatic capture
 - range of sensors
- Applications
 - remarkably powerful cue for recall
 - security, police
 - activity monitoring
 - sharing experiences
- Large research community
 - over 30 labs using SenseCam WW
 - medical; computer science; social science etc.
 - annual SenseCam Symposium
- Available commercially
 - <u>www.viconrevue.com</u>



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SecondLight: Interaction Beyond the Surface



- New type of rear-projection multi-touch surface computing technology
- Second image displayed through electrically switchable projection screen
- A camera can see through the surface, sensing what happens above, be used for gesture input.



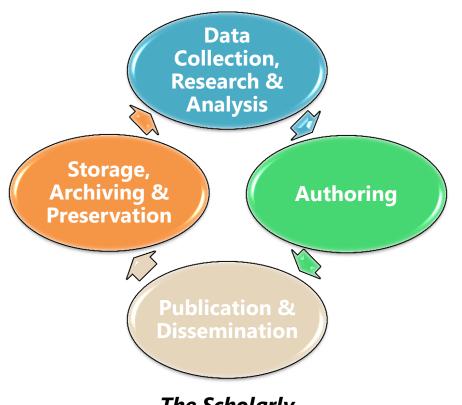
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Education and Scholarly Communication





The Scholarly Communication Lifecycle

Chem4Word

Semantic chemistry for students and publishers

Project Tuva

Enhanced Video Player

Research Information Centre (RIC)

Virtual Research Environment (VRE) Toolkit for SharePoint

Project Garibaldi

Large Art Display on a Surface (LADS)

Zentity

Semantically-enabled repository software

Project Trident

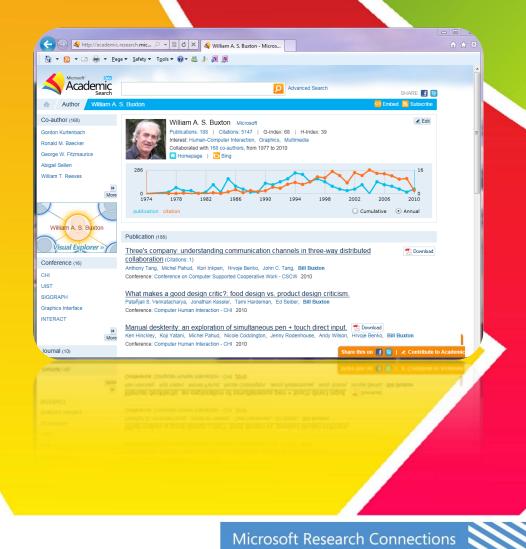
Scientific Workflow Workbench

Academic Search

Microsoft Academic Search

Microsoft Academic Search is a free academic search engine developed by Microsoft Research

- Easily search the top papers, authors, conferences, and journals for a topic
- See details about a specific paper, author, conference, journal or organization
- Quickly explore relationships between authors
- Discover influential papers, authors, conferences, journals and organizations within a domain
- Get the latest call for papers

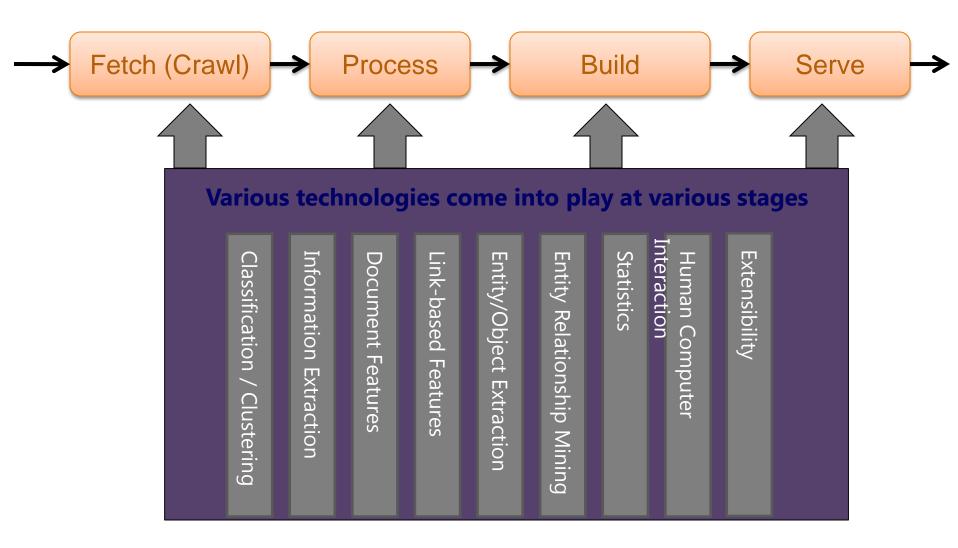


From Web Pages to Web Entities



- Entity search and knowledge mining
 - Web-scale entity extraction, integration, and summarization
 - Entity relationship mining
 - Entity ranking
- Academic search as an example
 - Researchers, papers, organizations, conferences, journals
 - Knowledge and insights
 - Visualization & exploration

Technologies in Academic Search



Technologies in Academic Search

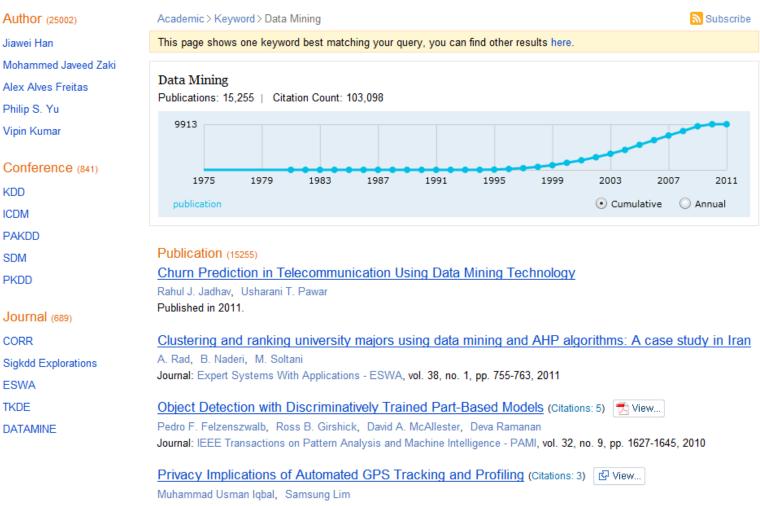


- <u>Object-Level Ranking: Bringing Order to Web Objects</u>
 Zaiqing Nie, Yuanzhi Zhang, Ji-Rong Wen, and Wei-Ying Ma
 In the Proceedings of the 14th international World Wide Web conference (WWW 2005), May 10-14, 2005, in Chiba, Japan.
- <u>Object-Level Vertical Search</u>
 Zaiqing Nie, Ji-Rong Wen, and Wei-Ying Ma
 In the Third Biennial Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR 2007, May 10-14, research paper).
- <u>Extracting Objects from the Web</u> Zaiqing Nie, Fei Wu, Ji-Rong Wen, Wei-Ying Ma In the 22nd International Conference on Data Engineering (**ICDE 2006**, poster paper).
- <u>Simultaneous Record Detection and Attribute Labeling in Web Data Extraction</u> Jun Zhu, Zaiqing Nie, Ji-Rong Wen, Bo Zhang, Wei-Ying Ma In the 12th International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (**SIGKDD 2006**, full paper).
- <u>2D Conditional Random Fields for Web Information Extraction</u> Jun Zhu, Zaiqing Nie, Ji-Rong Wen, Bo Zhang, Wei-Ying Ma In the 22nd International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2005**).
- <u>Web Object Retrieval</u> Zaiqing Nie, Yunxiao Ma, Shuming Shi, Ji-Rong Wen, Wei-Ying Ma In the Proceedings of the 16th international World Wide Web conference (**WWW 2007**).



Search by keyword





Journal: IEEE Technology and Society Magazine - IEEE TECHNOL SOC MAG, vol. 29, no. 2, pp. 39-46, 2010

Results in Author/Conference/Journal



Authors



Jiawei Han University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Publications: 604 | Citations: 15299 | G-Index: 115 | H-Index: 57 Interest: Data Mining, Databases, Artificial Intelligence 107 publication(s) from this author



Mohammed Javeed Zaki

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University of Illinois Chicago Publications: 702 | Citations: 9981 | G-Index: 79 | H-Index: 47 Interest: Data Mining, Databases, Distributed & Parallel Computing 60 publication(s) from this author



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University of Minnesota Publications: 483 | Citations: 10021 | G-Index: 89 | H-Index: 46 Interest: Distributed & Parallel Computing, Data Mining, Artificial Intelli 57 publication(s) from this author

Andrew Kusiak University of Iowa

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Conference

KOD - Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining

Publications: 2,089 | Citation Count: 42,059 | Year Range: 1991-2010 473 publication(s) in this conference

ICDM - IEEE International Conference on Data Mining

Publications: 1,720 | Citation Count: 9,269 | Year Range: 2000-2009 236 publication(s) in this conference

PAKDD - Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery & ESWA - Expert Systems With Applications Publications: 1,269 | Citation Count: 3,247 | Year Range: 1996-2010 125 publication(s) in this conference

SDM - SIAM International Conference on Data Mining Publications: 716 | Citation Count: 4,811 | Year Range: 2000-2010 115 publication(s) in this conference

PKDD - Principles of Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery Publications: 1.057 | Citation Count: 5.213 | Year Range: 1996-2010 100 publication(s) in this conference

ICDE - International Conference on Data Engineering

Publications: 3,523 | Citation Count: 43,592 | Year Range: 1984-2010 77 publication(s) in this conference

CIKM - International Conference on Information and Knowledd NAR - Nucleic Acids Research Publications: 2,273 | Citation Count: 18,484 | Year Range: 1977-2010 75 publication(s) in this conference

SAC - ACM Symposium on Applied Computing Publications: 4,281 | Citation Count: 11,277 | Year Range: 1990-2011 69 publication(s) in this conference

Journals

CORR - Computing Research Repository Publications: 21,068 | Citation Count: 60,876 | Year Range: 1983-2010 168 publication(s) in this journal

Sigkdd Explorations

Publications: 421 | Citation Count: 4,937 | Year Range: 1996-2010 147 publication(s) in this journal

Publications: 5,348 | Citation Count: 5,745 | Year Range: 1990-2011 135 publication(s) in this journal

TKDE - IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineerir Publications: 2,412 | Citation Count: 32,170 | Year Range: 1987-2010 117 publication(s) in this journal

DATAMINE - Data Mining and Knowledge Discoverv Publications: 436 | Citation Count: 11,118 | Year Range: 1995-2010 102 publication(s) in this journal

BIOINFORMATICS - Bioinformatics/computer Applications in T Publications: 6,870 | Citation Count: 92,870 | Year Range: 1985-2010 75 publication(s) in this journal

Publications: 30.771 | Citation Count: 217.608 | Year Range: 1974-2010 59 publication(s) in this journal

KAIS - Knowledge and Information Systems Publications: 620 | Citation Count: 3,036 | Year Range: 1998-2010

43 publication(s) in this journal

Which Michael Cohen?



Were you looking for these authors:



Michael Cohen University of Aizu



Michael B. Cohen University of Iowa Hospit...



Michael F. Cohen Microsoft



Michael R. Cohen Institute for Safe Medica...



Michael X. Cohen University of Amsterdam



Michael Cohen



Michael A. Cohen



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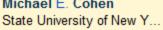
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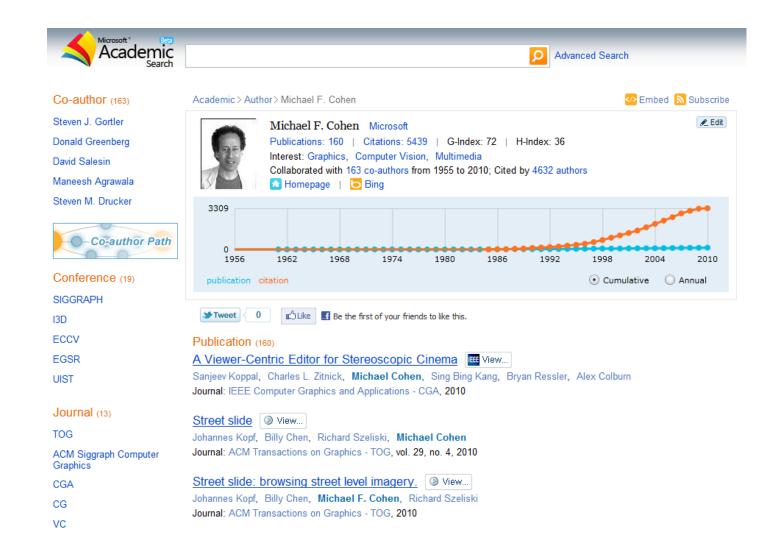
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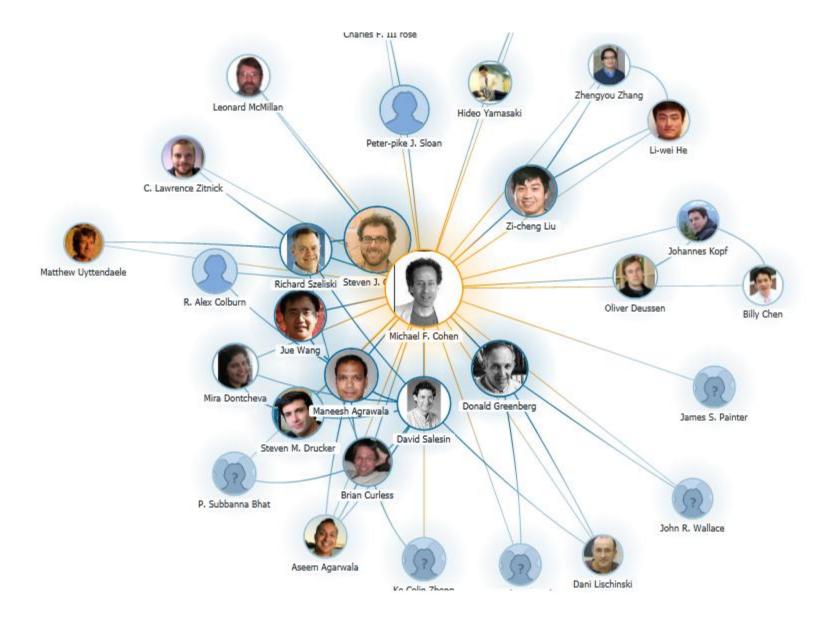
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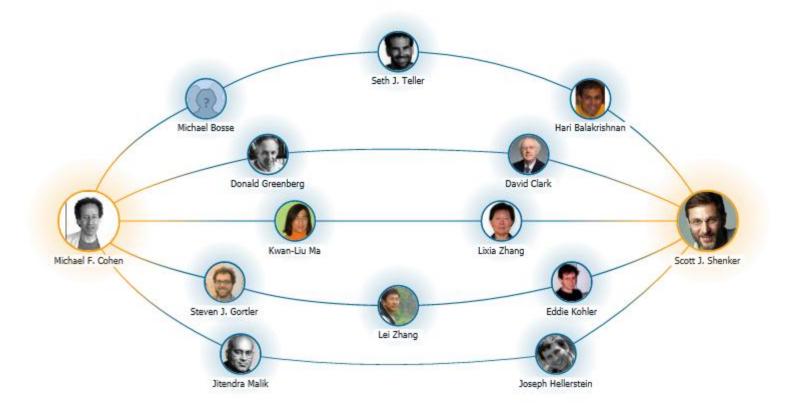






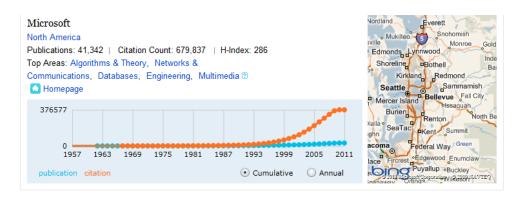
Six-degree path





Organization Profile





Author (1849)





Rakesh Agrawal Microsoft Publications: 269 | Citations: 20522 | G-Index: 142 | H-Index: 57 Interest: Databases, Data Mining, World Wide Web



Leslie Lamport

Microsoft Publications: 236 | Citations: 16031 | G-Index: 125 | H-Index: 52 Interest: Distributed & Parallel Computing, Programming Languages, Algorithms & Theory



Charles Antony Richard Hoare (C.A.R. Hoare)

Microsoft Publications: 237 | Citations: 12629 | G-Index: 111 | H-Index: 38 Interest: Algorithms & Theory, Software Engineering, Programming Languages

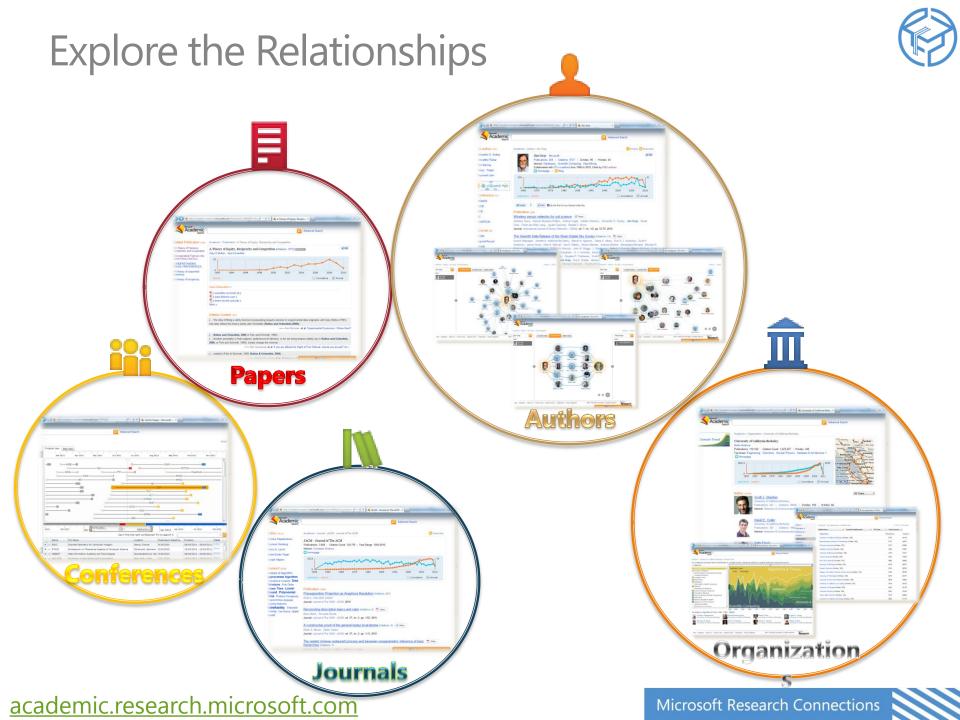


Anoop Gupta

Microsoft Publications: 404 | Citations: 11886 | G-Index: 104 | H-Index: 54 Interest: Hardware & Architecture, Operating Systems, Physics

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Stanford University		Computer Education Computer Vision	35130	
Microsoft		Data Mining Databases	31920	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology		Distributed and Parallel Computin Graphics	31836	
University of California Berkeley		Hardware and Architecture	26347	
Carnegie Mellon University		Human-Computer Interaction Information Retrieval	25241	
Harvard University		Machine Learning & Pattern Reco Multimedia	21880	
National Institutes of Health		Natural Language & Speech Networks and Communications	19849	
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign		Operating Systems Real-Time and Embedded Systen	18383	
University of California San Diego		Scientific Computing Security and Privacy	15442	
University of Wisconsin Madison		Simulation Software Engineering & Programn	15040	
Cornell University		World Wide Web Computer Science Overall	14710	
IBM		473	1 14630	
University of Cambridge		348	5 14047	
University of California Los Angeles		3820	6 13985	
University of Washington		3384	4 13858	
University of Southern California		401	9 13582	
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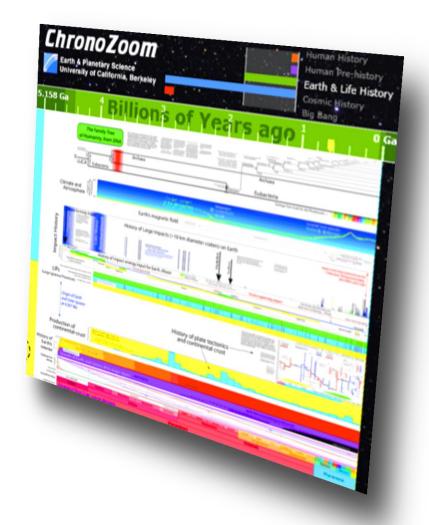


ChronoZoom

Challenge: The exploration of Big History, with smooth transition from billions of years down to individual nanoseconds.

This is what Walter Alvarez, Professor of Earth and Planetary Science at University of Berkeley set out to do. And he did it, with the help of Microsoft Research and the Live Labs team.

A new service in development that allows researchers to browse, overlay, and explore interdisciplinary data sources



Interactive Opportunities with ChronoZoom



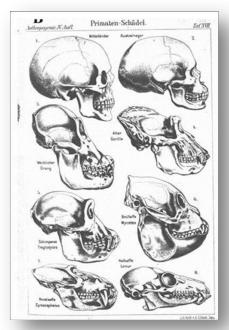
Exploring Life





Significant Events

Scientific Works

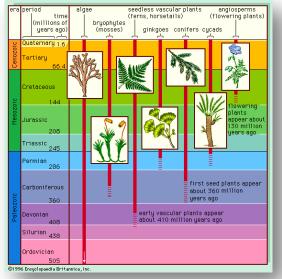




National History

Cultural Heritage





Classification and Evolution

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Zoom Technology for Big History





http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2q-U02HLb0

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Understanding the genetics of human disease

Collaboration with the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute





John Winn,

Richard Durbin, Wolfgang Lehrach Manolis Dermitsakis

The Challenge: Gene Function

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Phase 1: Human Genome project

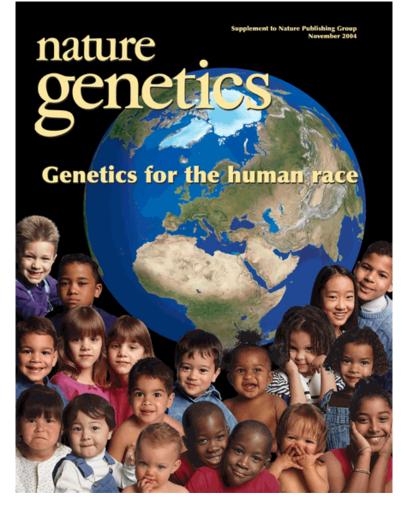


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Human Genetic Variation

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- Accounted for by changes in just 0.1% of the genome (about 30 million bases!)
- Variations may have:
 - Harmless effect *e.g.* change in hair colour
 - No effect
 - Harmful effects
 - Higher risk to certain diseases
 - Genetic disorders
 - Drug toxicity/effectiveness



Human Diseases and Genes



- Variations in genetic makeup defines our susceptibility to diseases: coronary heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, Crohn's disease, hypertension, bipolar disorder, asthma...
- Finding genetic causes for cancer, diabetes, heart disease, obesity etc. is very challenging as it depends on variations in multiple genes, almost all with weak effects.

Human Diseases and Genes



- Collaborative project to use machine learning tools and large scale data to understand the effect of these variations
 - Tools
 - Infer.NET for rapid model development, modification and testing.
 - Parallelisation of tools to allow processing of large scale data sets
 - Data
 - A large catalogue of variations between and within populations
 - High throughput measurements of expression of entire genome
 - Disease-labelled genomic data

What is MBF?



- Microsoft Biology Foundation (MBF) is a bioinformatics toolkit
 - built on top of the .NET Framework 4.0
 - open source under Apache license
 - foundation upon which other tools can be built
- Provides various components useful for biological analysis
 - parsers to read and write common bioinformatics formats
 - support for DNA, RNA and protein sequences
 - algorithm framework for analysis and transformation
 - web connector framework for web-service interaction

What is MBF intended to do?



- Primarily focused on genomics
 - reusable data structures to represent sequences + symbols
 - I/O framework to load/save sequences
 - algorithm framework to process loaded sequences
- Provides an alternative to other biology frameworks
 - similar concepts to BioJava or BioPerl
 - takes advantage of Microsoft developer tools and .NET
 - will evolve as Microsoft and other contributors add features
- Designed to manipulate large data sets
 - efficient storage of data internally
 - utilizes lazy loading techniques for creation of sequences
 - scalable algorithms that take advantage of multiple cores

MBF Design Goals



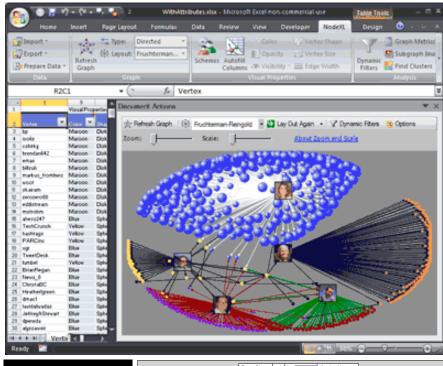
- Extensibility was a primary goal
 - core concepts mapped as interfaces and ABCs
 - can easily provide alternative implementations or add any missing features you need
- Language Neutral
 - built on top of .NET use any supported language (C++, F#, ...)
 - supports dynamic languages such as IronPython
- Designed and implemented using best practices
 - commented source code provided so nothing is a black box
 - algorithms all cite publications
- Interoperability
 - code can be run on several mainstream platforms

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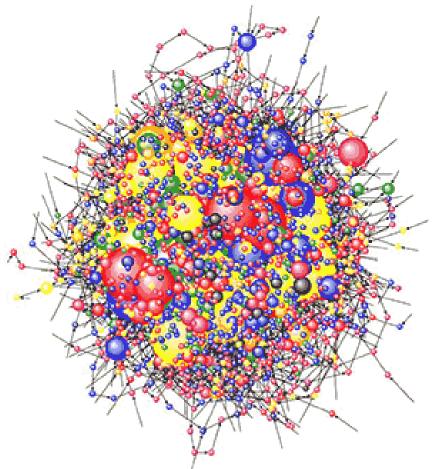
NodeXL

Network graph visualization









Binary and source code: <u>http://nodexl.codeplex.com</u>

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