Exercise Sheet 10
complete until Monday, January 16th, 9am

Exercise 1 Write a 1-page project proposal based on the idea you posted on the Wiki. Your proposal should be concrete as well as sufficiently focussed. For example, “a survey on scoring techniques in IR” is concrete but too broad (even for a Ph.D. thesis), while “the difference between BM25 and TF.IDF” has good focus but lacks concreteness (difference in which respect?). Upload your proposal to the Wiki following the instructions that will be given there. The structure of your proposal should be as follows.

0. At the top, give the title of your project + an acronym. The title should sound interesting and cover at least one important aspect specific to your project. The acronym should not be too long and pronounceable. A counterexample would be “My project for this seminar (MPFTS)”. Below the title, put your name(s).

1. Then give a concise and concrete description of your project, again one or two paragraphs. In particular, there should be a concrete goal. Note that such a description will require some amount of research already.

2. Think about a reasonable division of your project into phases. Give a short description (one or two sentences) of each phase and an estimate in working hours (your working hours, that is, a task to which you assigned 5 working days should be something which you can accomplish in 5 hours).

3. Finally give a list of the specific deliverables of your project, that is, concrete, tangible outcomes. For every project this should include a presentation, as well as a 1-page summary of what you have done. Further items could be a program, a website, a bibliography, whatever...that really depends on your project.

4. Please see that your page (don’t write more than a page) has a proper layout and looks somewhat attractive, so that one feels invited to read it. Everything should be understandable to a non-specialist.

Concerning the size of the project: it should be the equivalent of 3 - 4 exercise sheets.

Exercise 2 Sign up for one of the three slots: Jan 31st, Feb 7th, Feb 14th on the Wiki. If you have a pretty clear and concrete project idea already at this point, please consider the Jan 31st slot.