Classify the News

With the rise of the Internet, news now spread fast and unfiltered around the world. This should allows us to be better informed than any generation before us, shouldn’t it? Most agree that there is simply too much information around us to digest all of it. So we must rely on news pages to filter the irrelevant parts out. Maybe you do not want to know that Prince George has taken his first steps. But what about Germany winning the world cup or missile attacks in the Gaza Strip? News pages already present you a very small subset. And it is even worse. Have you ever heard of the filter bubble? In addition to filtering out some facts, you might just be presented with a very one sided point of view because somebody else decided for you that is all you need to know. It is very interesting – and shocking – to compare the Google News results for “Ukraine” when searching from within Europe or Russia. But what can you do against this except reading more than one news page? Simply relying on your friends is definitely not the way to go. And time is always a limiting factor.

In this thesis we want you to automatically classify news pages just by looking at meta data. We hope that this allows you to be as well informed as you can and create some interesting results on its own.

Requirements: Creative thinking, advanced programming skills, the determination to put your ideas into action, and the ability to work independently are necessary to work on this topic successfully.

Interested? Please contact us for more details!

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