

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Documents generally contain 2 **two** types of information.~~[<delete period & insert comma>]~~, namely The information is either in the form of textual **and**/or it is in the form of pictures also known as visual information. An information retrieval system ~~has to~~ **must** be such which supports **support** the display of visual information.~~[< delete period & insert comma>]~~, This is known as **an** IMR. ~~[<delete period>]~~ IMR stands for (Image Retrieval System). ~~There are 2~~ **The** main purpose of this study **is two-pronged: firstly** (1) to **gain an** understanding of IMR and its linkage with ontology and **secondly** (2) to **explicate the a** knowledge-based ontological system. ~~[<delete period & insert comma>]~~, **both of which** Here we will **be** analysed **the two area** in details **detail herein** that is the knowledge based system and the image retrieval system. *1[See CJR's endnote #1]

~~As we~~ **It is well known** that the visual information retrieval is a fairly new concept, ~~[<insert comma>]~~ but ~~there has been a many~~ **much** research **has already been** conducted in the field of semantic visual retrieval information in such a short **time** span of time. In the year 2007 and 2008 (Datta et al. 2008; Liu et al. 2007) **alone**, ~~[<insert comma>]~~ many researchers have put many **multiple research** efforts in the research of **were focused on** visual retrieval information **retrieval**. The main area of research of **in the above researchers** **aforementioned studies** was development in the computer system which will **to** enable it **computer systems** to understand, index and annotate images. The above researches **Those studies are an inspiration to** **have also inspired** **further investigate and investigation to** find new methods which will be useful in improving the performance of the image retrieval systems and **to increase** **increasing** the precision and recall levels. *2 [See CJR's endnote #2]

~~In general~~ **I**nformation retrieval (IR) is **generally a** the main tool ~~to retrieve~~ **for retrieving** information from various forms of resources. Since 1950, the main focus in information retrieval has been on text and text documents **like such as** web pages, email, scholarly papers, books, news, articles and stories.~~[< delete period & insert comma>]~~, **all this documents of which** have their own basic structure **like for example** **with regard to** the author, title, publisher, publication date, abstract and keywords. **And Moreover**, ~~[<insert comma>]~~ traditional keyword-based information

retrieval techniques ~~performs~~ **implement** keyword searching in documents by matching the ~~keywords~~ **terms** that users specify in their queries.

2.2 INFORMATION RETRIEVAL (IR)

From the very beginning of ~~the~~ written language, [~~insert comma~~] human beings have involved themselves in finding, creating and developing new ways of indexing, [~~delete comma~~] and retrieving information. ~~If we see from the beginning the first~~ Libraries ~~that first~~ used alphabetical order, [~~insert comma~~] then **progressed to** the Dewey decimal system **and onward** to the Internet. The amount of information evolution ~~we have seen is~~ **has been phenomenal**. [~~delete period~~] ~~The information has evolved in each and every sphere.~~ [~~delete period & insert comma~~], ~~It has evolved from its type to its kind and ultimately to its use and specification~~ (Nuchprayoon & Korfhage 1997). Information retrieval (IR) is an approach which stores search-and-retrieve [~~notice inserted hyphens~~] data or information ~~that are~~ requested by the user. In ~~the~~ early 1950s ~~the~~ information retrieval (~~IR~~) was ~~just~~ **merely** a library science. **However**, [~~insert comma~~] Bush (1945) **had recently** introduced the idea where ~~in~~ machines ~~will~~ **would** be able to provide access to the libraries of the world. Almost a decade ~~after~~ **later**, [~~insert comma~~] ~~the~~ first computerised retrieval system was introduced in the form of punch cards ~~system~~ (O'Flynn 1955).

In the ~~seventies~~ **1970s** the computer ~~has had started to have~~ **gained** enough processing power ~~which to handles~~ **handle** information retrieval. With the ~~emergences~~ **emergence** of the Internet, ~~the~~ information retrieval became ~~more of a subject on which more and~~ **an increasingly prominent subject for researchers wanted to conduct their researches** **research** (Sterling 1993). Now ~~a day's~~ many people have started to use one or ~~the~~ **another** kind of information retrieval system in their ~~day to day~~ **daily** lives. [~~delete period & insert comma~~], ~~A few examples are for example,~~ [~~insert comma~~] Google, [~~delete comma~~] **and** Yahoo etc. In ~~the year~~ 1968 the master of information retrieval, Salton (1968), ~~gave a wonderful definition of~~ **defined** information retrieval as the fields ~~which are~~ related to the structure, analysis, organisation, storage, searching and retrieval of information. The data needs to be structured, analysed and organised before it is used in the process of retrieval. [~~insert period~~] ~~after this~~ **Next**, the data is stored in ~~the~~ **a** dedicated location for easy search-and-retrieval, [~~notice inserted hyphens & comma~~] **and** after **which** the process of indexation and retrieval ~~takes place~~ **occurs** (Song et al. 2005; Fang et al. 2005). Since then there has been constant growth in this field, **wherein** several information retrieval systems are being used every day. The IR system ~~which was~~ used earlier was ~~the~~ Boolean system. These systems allow users to specify their needs with the help of Boolean ANDs, ORs, and NOTs.

However, [~~insert comma~~] ~~there were~~ **are** many drawbacks in ~~the~~ Boolean system. **For example**, [~~insert comma~~] ~~There is~~ **it has** no ~~in-built~~ **built-in** notion of document ranking, [~~insert comma~~] ~~which thus made making it hard~~ **difficult** for ~~the~~ user to **formulate** a good request for his ~~search~~ **an efficient search request**. The most **frequently** used models in IR

*3 [See endnote]

research are ~~the~~ vector space ~~model~~, inference network ~~model~~ and probabilistic models. Several researchers (Fang et al. 2005; Uschold & Gruninger 2004; Setzer et al. 2003) ~~are~~ have been working on annotation automation methods. ~~Even though~~ Although it has been shown by the research community that Boolean systems are less effective than ranked retrieval systems, many power users still use Boolean systems ~~as~~ because they feel more in control of the retrieval process. However, most everyday users of IR systems expect ~~IR systems~~ them to do ranked retrieval. ~~IR~~ Such systems rank documents by ~~their estimation of~~ estimating their usefulness of a document for a user query. Most IR systems assign a numeric score to every document and rank the documents by this score. Several models have been proposed for this process. [~~← delete period & insert comma →~~], the three most prominently used ~~models in IR research are~~ being the (aforementioned) vector space ~~model~~, the probabilistic ~~models~~, and the inference network ~~model~~. Objective evaluation of search effectiveness has been a cornerstone of IR. Critical progress in the field ~~critically~~ depends upon experimenting with new ideas and evaluating the effects thereof these ideas, especially ~~given~~ when considering the experimental nature of the field. Since the early years, it ~~was~~ has been evident to researchers in the community that objective evaluation of search techniques ~~would~~ play a key role in the field. The Cranfield tests, conducted in the 1960s, established the desired set of characteristics for a retrieval system. ~~Even~~ Although there has been some debate over the years, the two desired properties ~~that~~ have been accepted by the research community for measurement of search effectiveness: [~~← insert colon →~~] are (1) recall: [~~← delete colon & insert comma →~~], the proportion of relevant documents retrieved by the system; [~~← delete colon & insert comma →~~], and (2) precision: [~~← delete colon & insert comma →~~], the proportion of retrieved documents that are relevant (Baeza-Yates & Ribeiro-Neto 1999). *4 [See endnote]

It is well accepted that a good IR system should retrieve as many relevant documents as possible (i.e., have a high recall), [~~← delete comma →~~] and ~~it should~~ retrieve very few non-relevant documents (i.e., have high precision). Unfortunately, these two goals have proven to be quite contradictory over the years. Techniques that tend to improve recall tend to hurt precision and vice-versa. Both recall and precision are set-oriented measures and ~~thus~~ have no notion of ranked retrieval. Researchers have used several variants of recall and precision to evaluate ranked retrieval. For example, if system designers ~~feel~~ think that precision is more important to their users, they can use ~~precision~~ it as the evaluation metric in the top ten or twenty documents ~~as the evaluation metric~~. On the other hand However, according to Salton (1983), [~~← insert comma →~~] if recall is more important to users, one could measure precision at (say e.g.) 50% recall, which would indicate how many non-relevant documents a user would have to read in order to find half of the relevant ones. One measure that deserves special mention is *average precision*, a single-valued [~~← notice inserted hyphen →~~] ~~measure~~ metric most commonly used by the IR researchers community to evaluate ranked retrieval. Average precision is computed by measuring precision at different recall points, [~~← insert comma & delete parentheses →~~] (say e.g., 10%, 20%, ~~and so on etc.~~) and averaging.

An object is an entity that is represented by information in a database. User queries are matched against the database stored information. Depending on the application, the data objects may be, for example, text documents, images, audios, mind maps or videos. Retrieving the images from the web and database collections is constitutes a part subset of information retrieval and known as image retrieval. Currently, image retrieval is becomes becoming more challenge challenging, especially in when retrieving data from web engines, in for understanding the user queries that matching match with thousands of image collections in the databases and for the bridging of the gap between low-level features and the high-level text descriptions (Rui et al. 1999). As a result Consequently, much of the current research in information retrieval has focused on the exploitation of a richer query or document context, from which to extract concepts or knowledge that may improve the system's retrieval effectiveness of systems. And Moreover in the image retrieval, current research in image retrieval are looking into is examining an ontology-based model to enhance the capability of content-based image retrieval (CBIR) models and at the same time concurrently improve the system's retrieval effectiveness of systems. Retrieval feedback, ontologies, CBIR, XML, semantic matchmaking, web links and MPEG7 descriptors are popular examples of a contextual sources used for enhanced image retrieval.

2.3 IMAGE RETRIEVAL

In this section we will take a detail view on the three techniques utilised of in image retrieval systems will be examined in detail. These three techniques are (1) Content Based Image Retrieval (CBIR), (2) Textual Based Image Retrieval (TBIR) and (3) Semantic Based Image Retrieval (SBIR).

An image retrieval system is a system which is the type used for searching, browsing and retrieving images from a larger database which contains containing images. The methods used by the image retrieval system are Both traditional methods and common metadata methods. are utilised, The image retrieval utilizes methods of metadata such as including keywords, captioning, or description of the images so that retrieval may be performed implemented over the annotation words. If we do the Manual image annotation it is very time consuming, it require requiring a lot of much labour intensive and hard work, and above all furthermore, it is very costly. To overcome all these constraints, there have been a lot of researches much research has been done to make render image the annotation automatic.

There has been a recent increase in The number of social web applications has recently increased, accompanied by and to manage this increase there has been an increase

in the both semantic webs and in the development of several web-based image annotation tools for management.

2.3.1 Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR) [←notice inserted hyphen]

Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR) is a technique which uses visual contents to search for images from large-scale [←notice inserted hyphen] image graphic databases, [←insert comma] according to users' interests. 'Content-based' [←notice revision to single-quote marks] means that the search will analyses the actual contents of the image rather than associated keywords, tags or descriptions associated with the image. The term 'content' in this context refers to colours, shapes, textures, or any other information that can be derived from the image itself. The earliest use of the term 'content-based image retrieval' [←notice inserted quotation marks] in the literature seems to have originated occurred in 1992, when T. Kato used it to describe his experiments into on automatic retrieval of images from a database by colour and shape features. Since then, the term has been used to describe the process of retrieving desired images from a large collection of images based on syntactical image graphic features (Gudivada & Raghavan 1995). In this technique the visual features are extracted from the image. [←delete period] The features are extracted at the pre-processing stage and then these features are stored in the retrieval system database. The extracted features that are extracted are generally of high dimension, and but these features they require some reduction in their dimensions so that they to become scalable of in the system. On the other hand However, [←insert comma] the hyperlink-based technique uses the technique of link structure, [←insert comma] which helps in retrieval of images. The basic function of this technique is initiated that when the author of the a page considers an image to be of value to its viewer, [←insert comma] at that which time the image must be able to get capable of linked up to linking with the page. But these approaches are not relevant to the semantics of images. Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR), [←delete comma & ←notice earlier inserted hyphen] is also called query by image content (QBIC) and, [←insert comma] it is also sometimes, [←insert comma] referred as content-based visual information retrieval (CBVIR). Content-Based Image Retrieval [←notice inserted hyphen] (CBIR) is an application which functions as an image retrieval for the within a computer system. [←delete period & insert semi-colon→] In other words we can say that that is, [←insert comma] it is a problem of searching for digital images in a large database. The word term 'content-based' [←notice inserted quotation marks] can be understood as a search which will to analyse the natural content of the an image. Here in the aforesaid line the word 'content' is referred refers to the colours, shapes, textures, or any other information etc. that could can be derived from the image itself without the help of any other application or software. If there is no ability to examine the content of the image, [←insert comma] the search will be totally based entirely on the metadata such as captions; [←insert semi-colon] etc. and these the resulting content will be costly to produce and will also involve high labour-intensive [←notice inserted hyphen] too.

*5 [see endnote]

There are a number of fields which are covered under the Content-Based Image Retrieval [←notice inserted hyphen] (CBIR) encompasses several fields. [←delete period & insert comma→], These are including cultural heritage, personal/consumer/stock photos, medical imaging, semi-conductor processing characteristics and other areas such as crime prevention, [←delete comma] it can be used (usable in the military), as well as intellectual property, architectural and engineering design, fashion design, journalism, advertising, geographical information and remote sensing systems, education and training, and web-searching [←notice inserted hyphen] (Bimbo 1999). The Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR) was basically proposed in the early-1990s [←notice inserted hyphen] and from 1990's this henceforth has been an extensively researched topic. [←delete period & insert comma→], the main reason for this is being the proliferation of digital image collections. The main purpose of this approach is to decrease the use of manual text-based indexing, as the manual indexing is very time consuming, erroneous error-prone, inconsistent and expensive (Rui et al. 1999; Smeulders et al. 2000). If we Compared CBIR with manual techniques, [←insert comma] we will find that CBIR is an approach which uses visual content like such as colours, texture, and shapes etc. to search the an image; [←insert semi-colon] whereas, [←insert comma] manual technique uses very low-level [←notice inserted hyphen] features and uses metadata in context with visual contents.

When features and content are being extracted from the input images are under the process of extraction of features and content, the image content is represented as numerical values for each of the N feature or N-dimension feature vectors. [←delete period & insert comma→], These feature vectors which are used as signatures of the image, [←insert comma] which in turn and these signatures can be used as points in a high-dimension space with high-dimension. By this process each image gets obtains an identifier which is called a 'descriptor'. [←notice inserted quotation marks] These descriptors are used in the retrieval phase to match the relevant images. As specified by Santini & Jain (1999); [←delete semi-colon & insert comma→], the matching phase of Content- Based Image Retrieval is based on some measures which are certain measures of similarity. [←delete period & insert comma→], These similarity measures which are used to evaluate the distance between the query image descriptor and the database. If we look observed from the perspective of the system's point of view system, the similarity of the two images is dependent on the space between the feature points, or as we say i.e., [←notice inserted commas] the distance between the two image descriptors. Thus, [←notice inserted comma] it can be concluded as that the lesser the distance between the two descriptors, [←notice inserted comma] the more similar are the images.

Visual feature extraction is the basis of most content-based image retrieval techniques. Because of the subjectivity of perception subjectivity and the complex composition of visual data, there is no single best representation for any given visual feature. Thus, multiple approaches have been introduced for each of these visual features feature. [←delete period & insert comma→], each of them which characterizes the feature from a different perspective. According

to Alhwarin (2008) Typically, the research on CBIR is typically based on two types of visual features: global and local features. Global-feature-based [←notice inserted hyphens] algorithms aim at recognizing concepts in visual content as a whole. First, global features (i.e. colour, texture and shape) are extracted; [←insert semi-colon] and then, [←insert comma] statistical feature classification techniques (i.e., [←insert comma] Naïve Bayesian, Bayesian Network and SVM) are applied.

A colour feature, [←insert comma] is one of the most widely used visual features in CBIR. [←delete period & insert comma→], It is simple to represent. Common colour features or descriptors in CBIRs include a colour covariance matrixes, colour histograms, colour moments, and colour coherence vectors (Jing 2003; Meng et al. 2012; Wang 1999). The colour histogram is the most commonly used representation technique, statistically describing the combined probabilistic property of the three colour channels (RGB). Most of these colour features, although efficient at in describing colours, are often not directly related to any high-level semantics.

A texture feature refers to the patterns in an image that present the properties of homogeneity that do not result from the presence of a single colour or intensity value. Texture provides important information in image classification, [←insert comma] as it describes the content of many real-world images such as fruits, skins, clouds, trees, bricks, and fabrics. However, it is almost impossible to describe texture in words, because it is more essentially a statistical and structural property. Texture features commonly used in image retrieval systems include spectral features, such as those obtained using Gabor filtering (Ma & Manjunath 1997) or the wavelet transform (Wang et al. 2001), and statistical features characterizing texture in terms of local statistical measures, such as the those identified by Tamura texture features (Tamura et al. 1978). Among the various texture features, Gabor features and wavelet features are widely used for image retrieval and have been reported to match the results of human vision studies well.

Shape features are important features attributes of images although they have not been as widely used in CBIR as colour and texture features. Shape features, however, have been shown to be useful in many domain-specific [←notice inserted hyphen] images such those as involving man-made objects. For colour images, however, it is difficult to apply shape features in contrast to colour and texture due to the inaccuracy of segmentation. Despite the difficulty, shape features are used in some systems and have shown a potential benefit for CBIR. For example, in Mezaris et al. (2003) simple shape features such as eccentricity and orientation are used.

The main advantages of global-feature-based [←notice inserted hyphen] algorithms are that they are simple and fast their simplicity and speed. On the other hand However, [←insert comma] for local-feature-based [←notice inserted hyphen] algorithms being have been used to solve the inconsistent inconsistencies resulting due to from variations in camera angle, orientation, camera viewpoint perspective or changes in illumination of an image. In recent years, Lowe (2004) proposed a new approach, called the *Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)*, [←notice inserted

commas] for extracting distinctive invariant features from images that can be used to perform reliable matching between different views of an object or scene. ~~This method has been called the Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT).~~ This approach, **which has** been used for *Query-by-Example* (QBE) retrieval methods. [~~← delete period & insert comma →~~], This method will be discussed in detail. In order to retrieve images based on visual features, users need to ~~give~~ **provide** an ~~example~~ **a sample** image as a query or QBE. Then the system will transform the query to match with low-level features in the image repository. Images ~~which have~~ **possessing** visual content similar to the query will be retrieved and provided to the user. However, this approach is quite difficult for non-expert users, [~~← insert comma →~~] who may ~~have~~ **experience** problems in selecting an example ~~image~~ to represent the desired images.

The retrieval method is an important part of **the** CBIR approach. [~~← delete period & insert comma →~~], This approach **which** allows the users to frame queries to match ~~the self-chosen~~ **self-chosen** images ~~that are chosen by them~~. The retrieval method has **the** following steps:

- i) Query by image content (**i.e., example or specification**)
- ii) Browsing
- iii) Relevance feedback

i) Query by image content contains the following:

Query by example (QBE)–[~~← notice hyphen revised to dash (=double-hyphen) + additional inserted (single) hyphen →~~] Flickner et al. (1995) introduced **the** query by example (QBE) paradigm. [~~← delete period & insert comma →~~], Query by example is the most popular method, [~~← delete comma & insert period →~~]. ~~it is~~ **Being** cost effective. [~~← delete period & insert comma →~~], it is ideal for images ~~which have~~ **having** low-level content. ~~In other words we can say~~ **That it is**, [~~← insert comma →~~] queries which are based on the visual content ~~which~~ can be framed with the help of features evolved in the process of indexing. The users are also required to provide **a representative sample image** ~~an example in the form of sample image~~. The user are allowed to **by** selecting **one** ~~an~~ image from the interface or ~~the user can also~~ **by** importation, [~~← comma here →~~] image, and after importation is ~~done~~ **which** the computer ~~will~~ converts ~~the image it~~ into a low-level-features [~~← notice dash revised to hyphen + another inserted hyphen →~~] image. ~~At the end~~ **Ultimately** a large number of images can be retrieved simultaneously with different similarity criteria. *6 [see endnote]

Query by specification (QBS)–[~~← notice hyphen revised to dash →~~] Smith & Chang (1996) proposed query by specification. In this type of query the users ~~are~~ **are** able to specify ~~their needs as to what~~ **the** type of image ~~they want to retrieve~~ **desired for retrieval**, [~~← insert comma →~~] and this ~~retrieval~~ **a** process is generally based on ~~the~~ local features such as - [~~← delete hyphen →~~] finding

images that are 20% red and 15% blue or find images which ones containing a grassland or soil surface at the bottom of the image. Query by sketch is a query variant that allows the user to draw a sketch of the desired image. This sketch can be drawn by the user with the help of a graphic tools editor; [←insert semi-colon] etc. then, [←insert comma] the user can specify desired properties in the drawn image sketch, such as his specifications like colour, shape, and texture etc.

ii) Browsing - (Bimbo 1999).

Browsing provides different views of the database contents by focusing on one or more subjects. Most of the browsing tools are created to browse the results of a query. As per According to Bimbo (1999), the common method for displaying pages of a thumbnail image is thumbnail browsing. [←delete period & insert comma→], It which presents pages of thumbnail images with a ranked based on by the similarity method. When the user clicks the thumbnail, [←insert comma] the actual image will be displayed on the screen.

iii) Relevance feedback – (Mezaris et al. 2003)

This approach uses an unsupervised segmentation method. [←delete period & insert comma→], This which method divides the images into regions which that are indexed at a later stage indexed. The main aim of this ontology is to display all low-level features of the images which will be used for use as an object-relation [←notice inserted hyphen] identifier. [←delete period & insert comma→], This which can be illustrated with the help of by the following example; [←delete semi-colon & insert colon→]: In ontology the shape feature is defined in three ways, which are— namely, [←notice inserted commas] slightly oblong, moderately oblong, and very oblong. The ontology is not any specific language but it is just a merely vocabulary. [←delete period & insert comma→], The ontology has having predefined keywords which are used to form a query. [←delete period & insert comma→], whereby the matching regions which match the query of user are presented to the users. [←delete period & insert comma→], The user who can give provide their feedback on the retrieved images. The system is enabled able to learn from the answers which are supported by reinforcement from a Support Vector Machine (SMV). The constraints-similarity [←notice inserted hyphen] measure is used to filter out the unrelated images. The user in Usage of the loop version is based on the idea to ask of asking the users to provide positive or negative examples as their feedbacks feedback on the retrieved set of documents. In image retrieval the a image selection can be chosen from the relevant or irrelevant feedback received by the user for the query refinement. The Prime relevance feedback is consists of finding an optimum feature which is fulfils the requirement of the query. In other words we can say That is, the feedback is in response to the query and moves the query point towards the main image, [←delete comma] this works by adjusting the weight to each image descriptor, [←delete comma] which is in with regard with to the user's response of the user. For example, [←insert comma] is if the interest of user is

more interested in texture as compared to the shapes for image retrieval of the image, then the texture feature will be weighed higher than the shapes feature or other features. *7 [see endnote]

2.3.1 2.3.2 Textual-Based Image [←notice inserted hyphen] Retrieval (TBIR)

For the retrieval of text-based algorithms the user needs to apply text-based approaches. This feature is applied to the annotated images, [←insert comma] which include including captions, keywords, texts, surroundings, [←insert comma] etc. Textual-based [←notice inserted hyphen] image retrieval (TBIR) works on some natural language or topic-descriptive queries.

If we take a more general view is taken, [←insert comma] we will one finds that there are a number of text-based image search engines that have been designed and made available to the user via web the Internet, for example, [←notice inserted commas] Yahoo, Google and many more. These engines use the textual features of the images, [←delete comma] displayed on the web pages, [←insert comma] such as web the actual page, title, and content. [←insert period here] which are displayed on the web page etc. The targets are represented by the user with the application of by applying keywords, filtering values, etc., [←insert comma] these queries which are considered to be more complex and these types of queries can capable of being combined with other simple queries like such as Boolean Logic (Wang et al. 2006).

There are some limitations in the TBIR approach this is due to because text-based [←notice inserted hyphen] image searching requires proper and appropriate information. [←delete period] This information provides proper information about the image itself. [←delete period & insert semi-colon→]; If the aforesaid is not done then otherwise, [←notice inserted comma] the loose relationship between the web image and web textual contents may provide misleading information, [←insert comma] which will thus adversely affecting the final result of the retrieval.

Another limitation to the TBIR approach is that the human natural human language is highly complex and difficult for the system to understand for the system. [←delete period] because There is no precise semantic interpretation is available for to match the available keywords in the text which could match the available keywords. The results of the search are relied rely on the user's knowledge to interpret the query and close the gaps for the search targets. For example, [←insert comma] if the user wants to find an image of a specific monument in Egypt, then he will not be able to get the appropriate results cannot be obtained until he specifies each and every all details are minutely and individually specified. He has to The user must provide in detail all the relevant information, [←insert comma] like such as the name of the monument and the city in which the monument it is located, [←delete comma & insert period→]. the name of the monument etc. Only by the given precise information can the search engine will be able to give provide the correct information to for the user. So Therefore, [←insert comma] we one can conclude that the

text queries are more natural and intuitive for the users to express their needs relating to the required information required by them.

Many studies encompassing different components have been conducted in relation to the TBIR. The studies which are conducted have some different component in them. Like For example, [←insert comma] some researchers have used image annotation, while others preferred the use of translation model, [←insert comma] (Duygulu et al. 2002). The translation model which was used by Duygulu et al. (2002) in his research in the year 2002, [←delete comma & insert semi-colon→] while whereas, [←insert comma] Li & Wang (2003) and Cusano et al. (2004) used the classification approach in their relevant studies, and Jeon et al. (2003) made the use of studied the relevance model to conduct their research on the above matter. The main purpose impetus for the researchers in this field is the increasing demand of for handling large sets of images. There is a huge amount. An abundance of image data is available, which is being backed up by constantly cheap increasingly less expensive digital imaging and digital storage devices. This demand had an urgently needed to be fulfilled by the creating creation an efficient indexing and retrieval system. There are Many image retrieval systems used in the late-1970s [←notice inserted hyphen] (Chang & Hsu 1992) which relied on the keyword annotation but were used in late 1970s (Chang & Hsu 1992). In these types of models the images were first annotated manually with the help of textual keywords. Till If the user uses enters accurate, [←delete comma] a correct and complete annotation, the keywords will be able to provide an accurate presentation of the semantics of images (Wang 2008). However, [←insert comma] if the number of numerous images are being annotated manually, [←insert comma] they require a of many laborious human-labour-intensive hours. [←insert period] and human beings, and Furthermore, [←insert comma] the a major setback drawback is that different various people individuals can give different annotations to the same images, [←insert comma] which is a concern as it creates a lot of confusion in the indexing process. *8 [see endnote]

There are possibilities that to for annotate annotating images from web pages which can be done accomplished by using the associated texts, [←delete comma] such as captions, titles, and URL's [←delete apostrophe]. [←period here] etc. Although there have been many changes in the annotation procedures in recent years, [←insert comma] but these annotations types are still very noisy and these annotations are applicable to only web images. Srikanth et al. (2005) are have been working in finding researching ways which are capable of doing annotation to annotate without much of human intervention. [←delete period & insert comma→], This research has been named as i.e., [←notice inserted punctuation marks →] 'automatic annotation'. [←delete period & insert comma→], Automatic annotation which proposes to expose the relationship between ontology and annotation annotative words. [←insert period] and In return if this automation will demonstrate the effect of these the changes on the images which will to be retrieved by automatic annotate. There is a lot of Extensive work is being conducted on the automatic image annotation imaging, [←insert comma] the principal which has the main aim of which is to annotating annotate images

with the a minimum of human intervention or with minimum human interface. The object of automatic image such annotation is to use the existing annotation image data set which links the visual features with the and textual features of the an image, [←insert comma] with the help assistance of machine-learning [←notice inserted hyphen] techniques, [←insert comma] and to predict the missing textual features for any given not unannotated image (Deschacht & Moens 2007).

The development of a text-based retrieval system was has not been only merely from the content of image itself, [←insert comma] like such as the image tags, author, date and time, [←delete comma & insert period→]. For example, [←insert comma] when the user is using an MPEG7 descriptor, [←insert comma] he may derive the information relating to the image may be derived which gives the user a standard which for describes describing the multimedia content by providing a reliable set of standardised descriptors and schemes. Formally named "Multimedia Content Description Interface", [←replace double quote marks ("") with single quote marks ('& ') MPEG-7 describes the multimedia content data that supports some degree of interpretation of the its information meaning, which can be passed onto on to [←two words], or accessed by, a device or a computer code (Agrawal et al. 2004; Lux & Granitzer 2004) . Then, [←insert comma] the user with the help of the above-given aforementioned standard, [←insert comma] the user creates an ontology which is later on used to retrieve data. This text-based [←insert missing word (ontology?)] which surrounds the image and gives support by way means of natural language, [←insert comma] which as this natural language can be easily understood by the users user.

Nowadays *9 [see endnote] Currently, [←insert comma] the most interesting topic of research for the certain groups is the interplay between the different media. [←delete period & insert comma→], including the algorithms and techniques used to disclose information from the different various media genres. The most popular technique is to help assist analysis in one medium by employing information from another medium. In this one review the texts that are associated with an image; [←delete semi-colon] these texts are were like typically image captions, video transcripts, and surrounding texts in on the web pages (Shareha et al. 2009; Wang et al. 2008; Sudhakar et al. 2011). These studied The aforementioned researchers had developed a technique that collects the information from the a given text which helps in to facilitate the difficult task of accurate object recognition in images. Although the text and images do not contain the same information, [←insert comma] but in many circumstances the related text has more useful information that helps the user to interpret the image more accurately. Wang (2008) studied had and introduced advanced learning methods that will allow videos, images and texts to be automatically analysed and structured. This The aforementioned study is a researched on the feasibility of the automatically annotating images, [←insert comma] which is being conducted with the help of textual information in the near-parallel image-text pairs, in this feasibility analysis wherein the content of the images are was in relation to the content of the text and likewise in the opposite manner vice versa. The main focus is was on the first former, [←insert comma] which consisting of people and objectives objects. Here in Therein Wang (2008) research regard analysed the textual discourse structures and semantics, these the structures of which allow a

more filtered research of the content which may be ~~there~~ **present** in the image. ~~This~~ **Such analysis** will **can** be beneficial for the model to attain ~~world~~ **global** knowledge ~~that is not there~~ **present** in the text. *10 [see endnote]

2.3.2 **2.3.3 Semantic-Based** [←notice inserted hyphen] **Image Retrieval (SBIR)**

Many efforts have been ~~put in~~ **devoted** to ~~cover~~ the semantic distance between the numerical-image ~~feature~~ and the human-semantic [←notice inserted hyphens] features. In the early image retrieval systems, [←insert comma] the model was focused on the low-level features. For image retrieval using QBE, [←insert comma] for example, the ~~retrieval~~ process consists of an **example** query ~~example~~ image, [←delete comma] input by a user. The image features **of the example** are used to find images in the database which are the most similar to the query ~~image~~. A drawback, however, is that ~~it~~ **the example** ~~could~~ **cannot** [←one (compound) word] capture the underlying conceptual association with the image. Extensive experiments on CBIR systems **have shown** that low-level content descriptors often fail to describe the high-level [←notice inserted hyphen] semantic concepts familiar to users (Zhou & Huang 2003).

However, users often desire to search for images at a conceptual level, e.g., [←notice inserted commas] ~~images~~ **ones** containing particular objects (target search). [←delete period & insert comma→], ~~This~~ **which** is called “~~Semantic-based Image Retrieval (SBIR)~~” **‘Semantic-Based Image Retrieval’** [←notice single quote marks and non-italics]. Image descriptions, in turn, are derived **by** using low-level data-driven methods. A semantic search by a user and the low-level syntactic image descriptors may be disconnected. Since ~~this~~ **the** problem **of this disconnect** is unresolved, this thesis ~~is focused~~ **will focus** on different methods ~~to~~ **for** ~~associate~~ **associating** higher-level [←notice inserted hyphen] semantics with data-driven observables.

Numerous techniques ~~were~~ **have been** introduced to bridge the semantic gap between numerical image features and the richness of human semantics. Early IMR approaches are based on low-level features which fail to capture the underlying conceptual associations in images. Therefore, [←insert comma] this study ~~provides~~ **will provide** a way ~~which is helpful~~ **to assist** in reducing the semantic distance. [←delete period & insert comma→], ~~This semantic distance is also~~ known as ‘semantic gap’ [←notice inserted quotation marks]. A ~~proposes~~ **proposed** technique for reducing the “semantic gap” [←delete quotation marks] comprises three main characteristics:
*11 [see endnote]

- 1) **Use** **Using** both the visual content of ~~the~~ **an** image and ~~the~~ **its** textual caption. In using ~~visual and textual~~ content, both visual content and textual captions are required. Metadata containing texts are used to allow the system to create the image properly.

- 2) **Make Use of Defining high-level ontology semantics known as ontology to define by use of high-level semantic ontology.** The use of ontology is an ideal way method by which higher—level [~~replace dash with hyphen & delete spaces, pre-&post- →~~] higher-level semantics can be indulged incorporated into techniques that will capture the semantics by way of via automatic analysis.
- 3) **Create Creating a semantic template which is helpful to assist in supporting high-level retrieval.** There are Ontologies which facilitate the semantic image retrieval process these are added to the classes and relationships of the images.

Because The visual data cannot be used in the its actual raw form, visual data it needs to must be transformed and formatted. After the process of transformation and formation formatting, [~~insert comma~~] the data is ready to be used for use in Knowledge Management (KM). In this paper report the ‘knowledge’ [~~notice inserted quotation marks~~] refers to the content of the an image, [~~insert comma~~] such as sport type athletes’ names; [~~insert semi-colon~~] etc. the context, [~~insert comma~~] of the image such as when the image was taken, [~~delete comma & insert semi-colon →~~]; etc. and the image features such as file size, [~~delete comma~~] and file type, as well as SIFT descriptors etc. [~~keep this period~~] the This knowledge is collected in the form of image-processing [~~notice inserted hyphen~~] algorithms and then subsequently transformed into metadata. [~~delete period & insert comma →~~], The metadata which contains the a description of the content, context, and visual features of an image document that can be manipulated and processed in by standard information retrieval methods. Thus, [~~notice inserted comma~~] image data consist of a variety of dynamic features. The most important part component in the image retrieval approach is how to a procedure for developing a good knowledge representation system which will represent for the visual content. A number of Several profound renowned researchers (Frankel et al. 1997; Smith & Chang 1997; Hu & Bagga 2004; Song et al. 2004) have found that an ontology KB (knowledge base [?]) is a good and effective model which for presenting visual content and one which helps assists in enabling an image retrieval system to perform a semantic search (Dasiopoulou et al. 2007). With the emergence of semantic webs, the ontologies have also evolved as a keys which to enables enable the technologies which have capable of the scope to understanding the machine-understandable the semantics comprehensible to machines. After the introduction of the idea concept of semantic webs by Berners-Lee et al. (2001), ontologies have also emerged increased in popularity among the researchers. Basically, [~~insert comma~~] ontologies are terminologies of certain domains, [~~insert comma~~] also known as ‘domain vocabulary’ [~~notice inserted quotation marks~~]. [~~delete period & insert comma →~~], which encompasses all the features of a domain-like, such as the classification, [~~delete comma~~] taxonomies, their relationships with important hierarchies and constraints, [~~insert comma~~] and the domain axioms (Gaéseviác et al. 2009). [~~insert period~~]

2.4 ONTOLOGY

An ontology is a ~~set of presentation of~~ **system for organising** knowledge which is guided by ~~some~~ **certain** concepts within ~~the~~ **a** domain. A particular domain ~~gets~~ **becomes** acknowledged by the semantic meaning ~~which is given to it by ontology~~. As Gruber (1993) ~~Gruber~~ has defined ontology ~~is~~ **as** a "formal, explicit specification of a shared conceptualization." [~~replace double quote marks (") with single quote marks (')~~] According to the **mentioned** author, ontology can be used as shared vocabulary; [~~insert semi-colon~~] **and moreover**, [~~insert comma~~] this vocabulary can be used to model a domain ~~which has~~ **having** its own description, object, properties and relations. *12 [see endnote]

~~In the year 2006~~, Davies et al. (2006) ~~evolved~~ **formulated** two key points from the definition provided by Gruber; [~~delete semi-colon & insert colon~~]: ~~firstly~~ **first**, [~~insert comma~~] conceptualisation is a formal concept, [~~insert comma~~] ~~and is~~ backed by reasoning on the computer. [~~delete period & insert semi-colon~~]; ~~Secondly~~ **second**, [~~insert comma~~] the design of any ontology is for a particular domain. ~~But~~ **However**, [~~insert comma~~] from the ~~view~~ **perspective** of semantic webs, [~~insert comma~~] ontology is a mixture of relations, axioms, instances and class. ~~In 2001~~, Staab & Studer (2001) defined ontology as ~~4-tuple~~ **quadruple sets**, [~~insert comma~~] ~~These 4 tuple are~~ **namely**, [~~insert comma~~] C, R, I, A, where C ~~stands for set of~~ **designates** concepts, [~~delete comma & insert semi-colon~~]; R, [~~insert comma~~] ~~stand for set of~~ relations, [~~delete comma & insert semi-colon~~]; I, [~~insert comma~~] ~~stand for set of~~ instances; [~~insert semi-colon~~] and A, [~~insert comma~~] ~~stand for set of~~ axioms. *13 [see endnote]

The object of this ontology model is to ~~give~~ **provide** a simple and easy **an uncomplicated** presentation of knowledge, [~~insert comma~~] ~~and~~ phenomena, [~~insert comma~~] and domains. *14 [see endnote]

2.4.1 Ontology and classification

‘Ontology’ [~~notice inserted quotation marks~~] ~~is~~ **has been defined as** a concrete ~~criteria~~ **criterion** for **satisfying** a requirement of entities that define **meta-level** abstraction (Davies et al. 2006). ~~It~~ **An ontology** consists of **the** following terms:

Abstract – ~~they are~~ formulated in a general manner.

Applicable – ~~these can be used~~ **capable of use** in a number of semantic contexts. The person ~~who is~~ using the ontology should not make changes that will affect the instantiation of the entities of ~~the~~ **that** ontology.

Verifiable – each individual criterion can be evaluated. **An** ontology can **also** be defined as a system of abstract, applicable, and verifiable entities. However, [~~←insert comma~~] in addition to the characteristics ~~that are~~ required for the entities of the ontology. [~~←delete period & insert comma→~~], the ontology itself must satisfy certain criteria. [~~←insert period~~] Overall, [~~←insert comma~~] the characteristics must be satisfied.

Complete – ~~it covers~~ all the characters of **in a** CBIR system **are covered**. [~~←delete period~~] **It** **and** can be mapped to many situations **and** in the desired contexts. The two systems can be compared **by** using their characteristics and the instances of the entities of the ontology. The conditions for these instances are that ~~these~~ **they** should be different for different computer systems.

Unique – ~~it is~~ properly defined. ~~We~~ **One** can say that if a system is attached with **an** ontology the system will respond in a **the** same ~~way~~ **manner** ~~in all~~ **throughout** the instantiation.

Sorted – ~~the~~ **systematically ordered** entities ~~are in a systematic order~~.

Efficient – ~~ontology does not require any~~ **no** support devices **required**. ~~The~~ **An** application can be developed within **a** given time frame.

~~As per the recent~~ **According to** research **recently** conducted by Madsen & Thomsen (2009); [~~←delete semi-colon & insert comma→~~], ~~there is a difference between~~ ontology and classification. [~~←delete period~~] ~~The difference is~~ **differ with regard to** their purpose in **a** knowledge structure. The basic difference is that ontology is a model, [~~←insert comma~~] **and** **whereas** classification is a system. The main motive of this model is that it ~~gives~~ **provides** a simplified representation of knowledge about phenomena, [~~←delete comma & insert semi-colon→~~]; whereas, [~~←insert comma~~] the aim of **a** classification system is the ~~sub-division~~ [~~←replace dash with hyphen & delete spaces, pre-&post- →~~] **sub-division** of phenomena into different classes ~~that are based~~ **established** for ordering things. **Hence**, [~~←insert comma~~] classification is a basis ~~of~~ **for constructing an** ontology ~~construction~~.

2.4.2 **Ontology** **Ontological** Construction

Construction of **an** ontology requires ~~a lot of~~ **extensive** time, [~~←delete comma~~] ~~it require~~ **and** expert services **expertise** (Fortuna et al. 2006; Kim et al. 2006). The system ~~starts~~ **is begun** with a small

ontology ontological kernel and whereby the constructs actual ontology is constructed through text (Shamsfard & Barforoush 2004; Alani et al. 2003). Building an ontology requires primitive concepts, relations, and operators, [~~←delete comma & insert semi-colon→~~]; etc. moreover, in today's the contemporary world, [~~←notice inserted commas~~] the complete automatic construction of an ontology is just merely a hypothetical concept. In creation the construction of an ontology, [~~←insert comma~~] design and evaluation are the basic requirements.

2.4.3 Approaches to ~~Ontology~~ Ontological Design and Evaluation

Ontological engineering is concerned with the principled design, modification, application, and evaluation of ontologies. The accompanying table outlines five approaches to ontological design: inspiration, induction, deduction, synthesis, and collaboration. These may be used in the initial design of ontology or the modification of a design thereof, (for example e.g., in reaction to feedback on its applications, evaluations of its features, or domain changes) [~~←delete both parentheses & notice inserted punctuation marks~~]. Hybrids of these approaches are also possible.

One of the many practical uses of ontologies has been the modelling of problems and domains in such areas like such as business, health science, sports, news, and others. The methodology for ontology ontological design and evaluation is important, [~~←insert comma~~] according to Grüninger & Fox (1995). [~~←delete period & insert comma→~~], They who claimed that for any given ontology, the goal is to agree upon a shared terminology and set of constraints on the objects in the ontology therein. Therefore, [~~←insert comma~~] they provide devised a mechanism for guiding the design of ontology ontologies and a framework for evaluating their adequacy of these ontologies. According to Grüninger (1996), [~~←insert comma~~] ontologies are intended to provide an "easy to re-use" [~~←replace double quote marks (") with single quote marks (')~~] library of classified objects for modelling the problems and domains.

2.4.4 ~~Ontology~~ Ontological Language

Early work in Europe and the US on defining ontologies ontological languages has now converged under the aegis of the W3C, [~~←delete comma~~] to produce a Web Ontology Language, OWL. [~~←delete period & insert comma→~~], The OWL language which provides a mechanism for creating all the components of an ontology: concepts, instances, properties (or relations) and axioms (Davies et al. 2006).

2.5 BASIC PROCESS OF IMAGE RETRIEVAL (IMR)

According to Grüninger & Fox (1995), [~~←insert comma~~] IMR begins when the a user articulates a query representing the a request for required information according to Grüninger & Fox (1995).

The system will accept the user's query, [←delete comma] and will automatically transfer the user's query into the system's query. Then an information model is created. [←delete period] This model is created during the image indexation process. This happens because the IMR itself does not create any image. In the end Ultimately, to find the exact match correspondences, the image representations are matched, [←delete comma] with the query, [←insert comma] then after which these the matching representations are ranked on the basis of weights assigned to them each, [←delete comma & insert period→]. and later Subsequently, [←insert comma] the related images are returned to the user.

2.6 THE MAIN PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS OF IMR

There are Several problems which have prevented restricted the use of image retrieval systems. [←delete period & insert comma→], the two main informational foundations of the image retrieval system which are the text captions and low-level features low-level features [←replace dash with hyphen & delete spaces, pre-&post- →]. The principal limitation of these types of information have the main limitation is that they are not able to properly describe the meaning of an image to the computer properly. This drawback leads to a failure in finding out retrieving the relevant images as per according to the user's specifications. There have been instances that in which the concepts relevant to semantic documents are have not been mentioned in the process. [←delete period & insert comma→], for example, [←insert comma] if users want to search for images in of Italy but in the image retrieval system is not unable to retrieve images containing Rome although Rome it is an Italian city in Italy. These types of relationships are called 'indirectly relevant' relationships, [←delete comma & insert semi-colon→]; and it is the problem, [←insert comma] which is called the 'indirectly-relevant concept' [←notice inserted punctuation marks, here& earlier] problem. This problem is generally faced occurs by in those image retrieval systems which generate annotations on the basis of text caption, [←delete comma] and/or image captions. On the other hand However, [←insert comma] when text captions are not supplied, [←insert comma] the only way to understand the problem or query is via visual features of the image. But these features are not able to cannot present the content of the image alone. [←delete period & insert semi-colon→]; Henceforth hence, [←insert comma] these visual such features need to must be processed into a new model which will be able to capable of representing the content of the image in an appropriately manner and with clarity clearly. The This visual feature model should be able to handle the polysemy problem. [←delete period & insert comma→], the major problem of which arises when the system tries to annotate the image but the system fails to detect some certain key objects. This happens occurs because some of the errors are not recognised. [←delete period & insert semi-colon→]; This it may also happen because some of the input images are incomplete. For example, [←insert comma] the camera angle of the image may not have been able to properly capture all the parts and angles of the image properly.

2.7 ADVANTAGES OF USING ONTOLOGIES FOR IMR (GASERVIC, 2009)

According to Gaéseviac et al. (2009), [←insert comma] there are two ~~main~~ **primary semantic** advantages of using ontologies for IMR. [←delete period & insert colon→]:

- a) ~~Semantic~~ **Similarities** - the ontology structure ~~gets~~ **becomes** exploited, **resulting in** and ~~thus a~~ measure of semantic similarity ~~occur~~. [←delete period & insert comma→], The ~~similarities can be attained~~ **attainable** by ~~the~~ use of concept relationships.
- b) ~~Semantic~~ **Annotation** - with the help of semantic annotation, [←insert comma] the **ontological knowledge of ontology information** can be identified for the potential elements ~~that are required to be included in the ontology~~ **for inclusion**. [←delete period & insert comma→], ~~for example,~~ [←insert comma] query expansion.

2.8 USAGE OF LINKED DATA TECHNOLOGY

Advances in automatic information extraction and the proliferation of large knowledge-sharing communities ~~like~~ **such as** Wikipedia have enabled the construction of large general-purpose [←notice inserted hyphen] knowledge bases ~~with~~ **having** an entity-relationship or RDF-like data model. The Linking Open Data project, [←insert comma] **which** became one of the main showcases for successful community-driven adoption of Semantic Web technologies in ~~the last~~ **recent** years. [←delete period & insert comma→], It aims at developing best practices ~~to~~ **for** opening up the “data gardens” [←replace double quote marks (") with single quote marks (') on the Web, **thereby** interlinking open data sets ~~on the Web~~ and enabling web developers to ~~make use of~~ **utilise** that rich source of information. ~~But~~ **However**, [←insert comma] the data made available in that process, *i.e.*, [←notice inserted punctuation marks] the practices and technologies developed, are not only useful for open-web data, [←notice inserted hyphen & delete comma] ~~they but~~ **also provide benefits** **beneficial** to end-users [←notice inserted hyphen] and ~~the~~ enterprises at large (Kobilarov et al. 2009). ~~The~~ **Other similar** projects ~~which along this line~~ include DBpedia (Bizer et al. 2009), Freebase (<http://www.freebase.com>), TrueKnowledge (<http://www.trueknowledge.com>), TextRunner (Banko et al. 2007) or **and** YAGO (Suchanek et al. 2007). [←delete period & insert comma→], ~~These~~ **all of which** are rich sources of ~~facts~~ **information** about people, locations, organizations, sport events, [←insert comma] etc. *15 [see endnote]

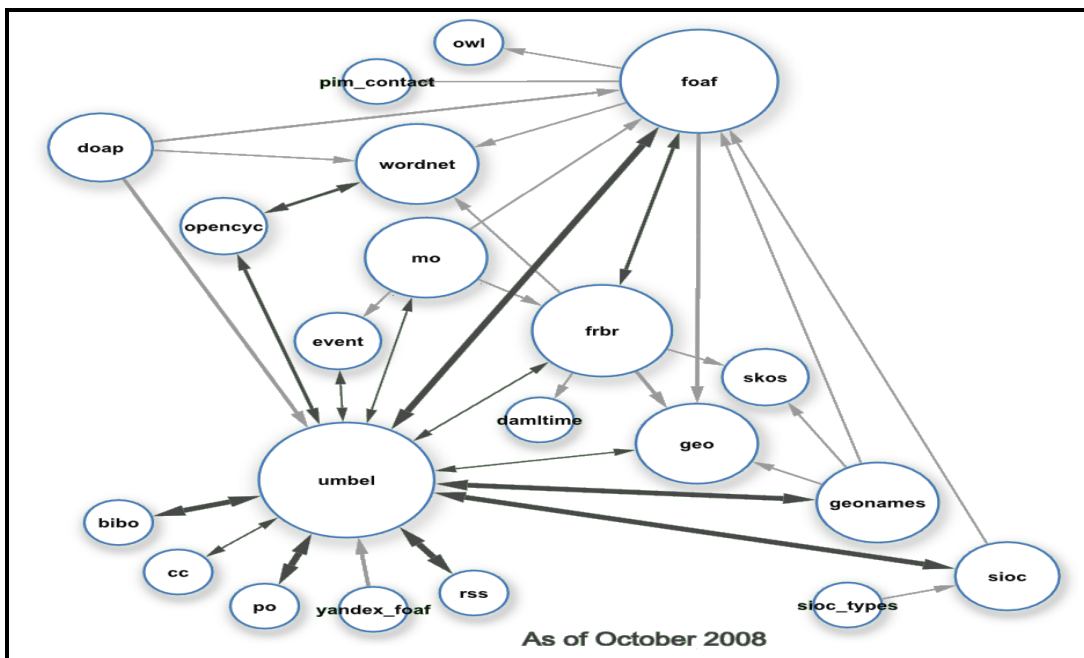
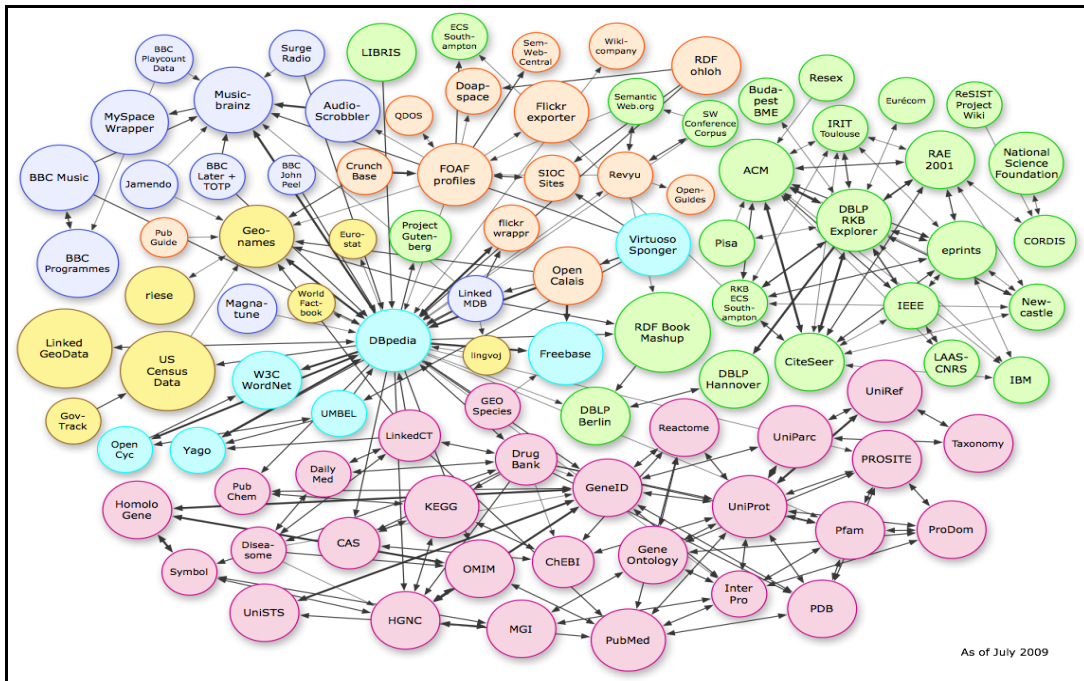
According to Berners-Lee et al. (2006), the Semantic Web is not ~~just~~ **merely** about ~~putting~~ **posting** data on the web. [←delete period & insert semi-colon→]; ~~it is about~~ **also involves** making links, so that a person or machine can explore the ~~web of~~ data. With linked data, when ~~you have~~ some **has been obtained** of it, [←keep this comma but delete the next two→] ~~you can find other,~~ **additional** related, data **can be retrieved**. Like the **hypertext** web of ~~hypertext~~, the **data** web of

data is constructed with documents on the web. However, unlike the ~~hypertext~~ web of ~~hypertext~~, where ~~hyper~~links are relationships ~~anchors~~ ~~anchored~~ in ~~hypertext~~ documents written in HTML, for the data web they links between arbitrary ~~things~~ ~~objects~~ described by RDF. [~~delete~~ period] The ~~where~~ URIs ~~identifies~~ ~~identify~~ any kind of object or concept. [~~delete~~ period & insert semi-colon→]; But ~~whereas~~, [~~insert~~ comma] for HTML or RDF, [~~delete~~ comma] the same expectations apply to make the web grow. Berners-Lee et al. (2006) ~~also~~ outlined four principles of Linked Data:

- Use URIs as names for ~~things~~ ~~objects~~. [~~insert~~ period]
- Use HTTP URIs so that ~~people~~ ~~users~~ can look up those names.
- When someone looks up a URI, provide useful information, [~~delete~~ comma] ~~by~~ using the standards (RDF, SPARQL). [~~insert~~ period]
- Include links to other URIs so that ~~they~~ ~~users~~ can discover ~~more~~ ~~additional~~ things. *16 [see endnote]

The goal of the W3C Semantic Web Education and Outreach group's Linking Open Data community project is to extend the Web with a data commons by publishing various open datasets ~~such~~ as RDF ~~on the Web~~ ~~thereon~~ and by setting RDF links between data items from ~~different data~~ ~~various~~ sources. In October 2007, ~~online~~ datasets consisted of over two billion RDF triples, which were interlinked by over two million RDF links. By May 2009 this ~~quantity~~ had grown to 4.2 billion RDF triples, interlinked by around 142 million RDF links. The figures below ~~shows~~ ~~show~~ Instance relationships amongst datasets (Figure 2.1) and Class relationships amongst datasets (Figure 2.2).

~~There are~~ ~~Some~~ research ~~has been~~ done in this approach in terms of information retrieval, [~~delete~~ comma & insert semi-colon→]; however, [~~insert~~ comma] only ~~a~~ few current ~~researches~~ ~~studies~~ have been ~~done~~ ~~conducted~~ in image retrieval. As ~~For example~~, Wang et al. (2010) ~~did~~ ~~implemented~~ ~~on~~ their research ~~about~~ ~~on~~ canine animals ~~by~~ using a Wikipedia as a tool to develop their text-based ontology [~~notice inserted hyphen~~]. However, in ~~our paper~~ ~~the present work~~ ~~we will use~~ multi-modality ~~will be used~~ ~~and to enhanced~~ ~~enhance~~ ~~our an~~ ontology by using ~~means of a huge large~~ interlinking vocabulary and ~~the~~ data provider, [~~delete~~ comma] DBpedia as the linking hub between ~~our a personal collection of~~ database images ~~collections with~~ ~~and~~ this Linked Data technology. The main challenge in ~~our paper~~ ~~the present study~~ will be ~~the way~~ ~~discovering how~~ to find the most probable matches ~~on the~~ ~~based on~~ ~~basis~~ of label-lookup [~~notice inserted hyphen~~] of ~~our personally selected~~ terms in DBpedia and ~~to disambiguate~~ ~~disambiguating~~ those matches ~~by using classification~~ ~~classifying~~ of the content-based [~~notice inserted hyphen~~] information ~~retrieved~~. *17, *18 [See endnotes]



YAGO is one of the famous knowledge-sharing [←notice inserted hyphen] communities on the web which can enhance the ontology development and as a support control vocabulary

control. According to Taneva et al. (2010) **state that** they use YAGO because it contains about 2 million typed entities, including all ~~people~~ **persons**, buildings, mountains and lakes ~~from~~ **archived in** Wikipedia, **and as well as** about 20 million ~~relation~~ **related** facts ~~like~~ **such as** birth dates and awards. In principle, it is not difficult to find photos of people or monuments **by** using search engines ~~like~~ **such as** image.google.com or image.bing.com or searching flickr.com by tags. This **type of searching** works well for entertainment ~~stars~~ **celebrities**, important politicians, and tourist attractions. However, it remains difficult to find photos for entities in the "long tail" [~~replace~~ double quote marks (") with single quote marks (')]: [~~delete~~ colon & insert comma→], **i.e.**, [~~notice~~ inserted punctuation marks] lesser known but still notable ~~people~~ **persons** and places. Typically, a direct query with the entity name returns many photos with good results in the top ranks but quickly degrading precision with decreasing ranks.

2.9 GENERAL ARCHITECTURE OF TEXT ENGINEERING (GATE) AND TEXT PROCESSING

The important ~~parts~~ **components** ~~in~~ of Hendler's (2001) definition are the *semantic interconnections* and *inference and logic*. The former ~~says~~ **states** that ontology specifies the meaning of relations between the concepts used. [~~delete~~ period & insert semi-colon→]; the latter ~~part~~ **means** **implies** that ontologies enable ~~some~~ **certain** forms of reasoning. ~~In addition~~ **Moreover**, an ontology facilitates accurate and effective communication of meaning. [~~delete~~ period & insert comma→], **This which** ~~opens up~~ **initiates** the possibility for knowledge sharing and reuse, ~~which~~ **thereby** ~~enables~~ **enabling** semantic interoperability between intelligent processes and applications (Gaéseviac et al. 2009). An ontology-based KB provides a number of useful features for knowledge representation in general. This thesis summarizes the most important of these features ~~based on~~ **the basis of** the surveys from ([~~delete~~ this open-parenthesis & insert parentheses around years only→] Gruber (1993); [~~delete~~ semi-colon & insert comma here & next 3 instances→], Schreiber et al. (2001) ;; Noy & McGuinness (2001) ;; Guarino (1995) ;; **and** Chandrasekaran (1999).

~~The inclusion of~~ **The** source specifications **are included**; -[~~delete~~ hyphen & insert semi-colon] **i.e.**, [~~notice~~ inserted punctuation marks] the content of one module is copied into another one at design time, is then possibly extended and revised, and is finally compiled into a new component; [~~delete~~ semi-colon & insert period→]. **Through** the runtime invocation of external modules or services, -[~~delete~~ hyphen & insert comma] one module invokes another, either as a method from a class library or through a Web service; [~~delete~~ semi-colon & insert period→]. **and** **Moreover**, [~~insert~~ comma but do **not** begin a new paragraph here→] through communication between intelligent processes such as agents, -[~~delete~~ hyphen & insert comma] the **resulting intelligently exchanged** messages ~~that intelligent agents send to and receive from each other~~ can ~~have~~ **contain** various kinds of ~~knowledge as their content~~ **information**.

2.10 CHAPTER SUMMARY

This chapter ~~has presents~~ **presented** a literature review on image retrieval, ~~the important of image retrieval its importance,~~ [~~insert comma~~] and the usage of knowledge-based [~~notice inserted hyphen~~] (~~ontology~~) [~~delete parentheses~~] **ontologies** to integrate ~~the low-level~~ [~~notice inserted hyphen~~] features (visual content) and ~~the high-level~~ [~~notice inserted hyphen~~] **textual** concepts (~~textual concept~~) [~~delete parentheses~~]. The existing approaches in image retrieval, [~~insert comma~~] such as CBIR, TBIR and SBIR, [~~insert comma~~] **as well as** ~~has been reviewed in this chapter and~~ previous and current studies ~~thereof,~~ [~~insert comma~~] **has** ~~have also been reviewed and~~ discussed to **better** understand ~~the their respective details.~~ [~~insert period~~] ~~about the approach. In this chapter also been discussed about~~ **Moreover,** [~~insert comma~~] the **review has examined** ~~important~~ **the importance** of ontology **and its classification** in the IMR. [~~delete period & insert comma~~], **including** ~~The ideas of on ontology ontological development from other researchers been reviewed and also the ontology classification.~~ **Furthermore,** [~~insert comma~~] the existing ~~existence~~ of open-linked [~~notice inserted hyphen~~] ~~databases~~ such as Wikipedia, DBpedia, YOGA and others as a ~~sources of knowledge information give ideas to~~ **has contributed to an** increase in and enrichment **of** the existing knowledge base and **a reduce** ~~reduction of the lacking exist~~ **remaining gap** in textual concepts. **Finally,** [~~insert comma~~] ~~The a general overview on of DBpedia has been discussed to get the clear picture~~ **provided clarification** on the importance and advantages of open-linked [~~notice inserted hyphen~~] data technology.

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CJR's Editorial Endnotes:

*1: You *alone* are writing *your* thesis; therefore, it is inappropriate to write “we.”

“For clarity, restrict your use of **we** to refer only to yourself and your co-authors (use *I* if you are the sole author of the paper). Broader uses of **we** leave your readers to determine to whom you are referring; instead, substitute an appropriate noun or clarify your usage.” Thus states the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 5th Edition, p. 39.

Another alternative is the use of the *passive voice of the verb*, which is what I did in my revision.

*2: ‘Research’ is an uncountable noun. As such, it cannot be made plural. In contexts where a plural noun is definitely needed, a synonym which is countable should be used, e.g., ‘studies’.

*3: Because a user can be either male or female, it is best to avoid gender-specific pronouns by re-wording. In fact, the *APA Manual* (see *1, above), p. 66, prescribes such avoidance.

*4: As originally written—and as currently revised—this appears to be a case of redundancy. The following two phrases/clauses have the same meaning in English: (1) ‘the proportion of retrieved documents that are relevant’ (your wording, which I did not revise) and (2) ‘the proportion of **relevant** retrieved documents ~~that are relevant~~’, i.e., a more succinct way to express the same thing, of which I am now informing. The PROBLEM here is that you have effectually said the same thing in explicating both ‘recall’ and ‘precision’. Thus, there seems to be a conflict in logic; i.e., it does not make good sense.

- *5: Your use of 'colour' instead of "color" early in this manuscript is a strong indication that you are accustomed to using British spellings where they differ from American. Thus, you must use British spelling consistently—for every word which differs. To be completely consistent, you should also use British punctuation, a notable example of which is in the usage of quotation marks. The British use single quote marks where American use double quote marks, and vice versa.

- *6: A dash (typed as double-hyphen), as used in my editorial revisions, is neither preceded nor followed by a space.

- *7: 'Feedback' is an uncountable noun; therefore, it cannot be made plural.

- *8: The adjectives 'accurate' and 'correct' are close synonyms; hence, they are *redundant* with each other as you have used them. See <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/correct>, scroll down to the definition as an *adjective*, and carefully read the "Synonym Discussion of *CORRECT*" annotation.

- *9: 'Nowadays' is a *colloquialism* to be avoided in formal academic writing.

- *10: Review endnote #2. Uncountable nouns, such as 'research', cannot take an indefinite article [*a, an*].

- *11: Carefully read the 'Usage Discussion of *COMPRISE*' @ <http://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/comprise> .

- *12: See <http://www.yourdictionary.com/ontology> .

- *13: The adjectives 'first' and 'second' modify the noun 'points'.

- *14: Your usage of 'simple and easy' constitutes a *redundancy* because these two adjectives are close synonyms. See <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/easy> and scroll down to 'Synonym Discussion of *EASY*'.

- *15: Your usage of the phrase 'in the last year' is *imprecise*, especially in view of the mid-January 2014 due-date for your thesis. It is best to 'program in' the possibility that unforeseen circumstances might delay the completion and/or final approval of the thesis. My revision to 'in recent years' could be revised to 'in 20xx' to specify the exact year to which you refer.

- *16: I apologize for the green bullets! I don't know how or why this happened, but I am unable to make them black again.

- *17: See Note #2, above.

- *18: See Note 1, above.

- *19: Verify this title. I think the *italic formatting* should be **deleted** from the word '*In*'.

- *20: See Note #19, above.

*21: See Note #19, above.

*22: See Note #19, above.

*23: See Note #19, above.

*24: Verify this name: Liang-Tien, C. I think the hyphenated words are actually personal names, for which only initials should be typed; whereas, C. probably represents the family name, which must be spelled out—not abbreviated/initialized. Notice that (several times) I have highlighted hyphens which should be deleted from between the initials of personal, romanized Chinese names. The hyphen is appropriate when the personal names are spelled out, but inappropriate when only the initials are typed. I think this author's name should appear as Cxxxx, L.T. It is your responsibility to correctly determine the author's surname (i.e., family name) and personal names, respectively.