


DiscoWeb



*Using link analysis to discover web communities
and improve search engine retrieval*

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Mathematics

A: Connectivity Matrix

a: authorities; h: hubs

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & & & \\ & h & & \\ & & 0 & A \\ & & A^t & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & 0 & A \\ & & A^t & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & & & \\ & h & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}^k$$

$k=1 \Rightarrow$ "edge counting"

DiscoWeb Approach

- Select initial web pages via text analysis (the results of a search engine query)
- Use link analysis to re-rank pages based on influence in graph
- Calculate multiple eigenvectors, each representing a community ranking
- More general method than CLEVER (IBM/Cornell) and Google (Stanford)

DiscoWeb Results

- DiscoWeb can retrieve top-rated sites (as listed by Infoseek's Directory)
- DiscoWeb also suggests other good sites (not included in Infoseek)
- DiscoWeb ranking is performed automatically, without human guidance

Current Work

Goal: Fast, scalable search engine to provide large datasets and local content for link analysis

- Enable fast analysis
- Enable analysis of large graphs

Next tasks: distributed design, parallel solver, robust public version

DiscoWeb Interface

DiscoWeb!

New search: Display:

[art](#) [automotive](#) [business](#) [careers](#) [entertainment](#) [family](#)
[health](#) [kids](#) [money](#) [people](#) [science](#) [shopping](#)
[spirit](#) [sports](#) [test](#) [travel](#)

search results from DiscoWeb

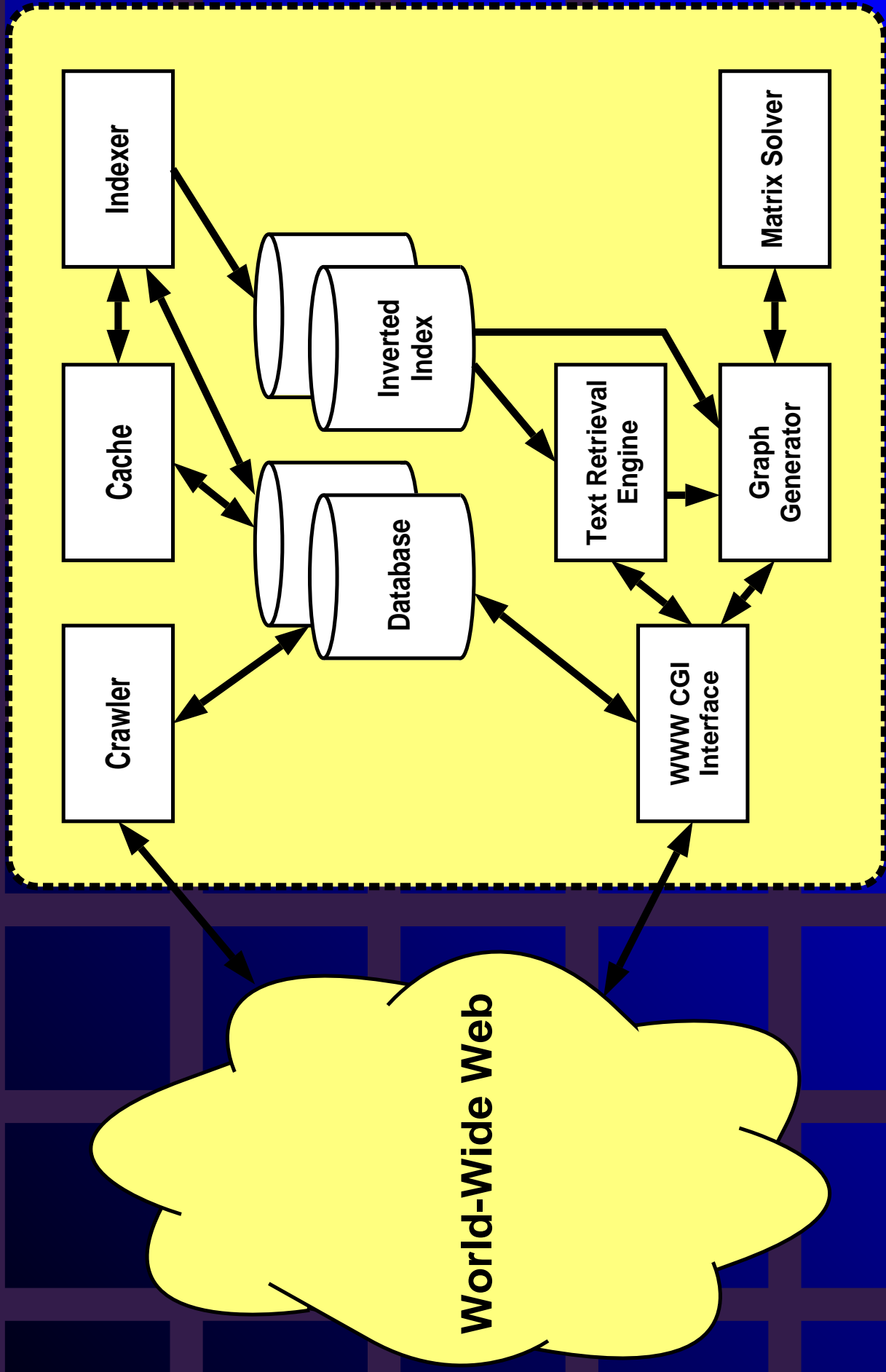
(Total : 7390)

Keywords : **engine**

Matches 1 – 10

- 1. Title :** [Alaska Search Engine : Canada Search Engine \[ALCANSEEK.COM\]](#)
Score : 5.0000 **URL :** <http://www.alcanseek.com/employment/publicate.htm>
Description: *Alaska & Canada's official search engine. Search all of Alaska and Canada for travel, sports, business, news, entertainment and more....*
- 2. Title :** [Alaska Search Engine : Canada Search Engine \[ALCANSEEK.COM\]](#)
Score : 5.0000 **URL :** <http://www.alcanseek.com/computersinternet/saleservice.htm>
Description: *Alaska & Canada's official search engine. Search all of Alaska and Canada for travel, sports, business, news, entertainment and more....*
- 3. Title :** [* BikeCrawler * Search Engine for the Cycling World * Bicycle Search Engine](#)
Score : 5.0000 **URL :** <http://www.bikecrawler.com/>
Description: *A search engine targeted toward the bicycling industry. The BikeCrawler Search Engine is a search engine for the bicycling industry.*

DiscoWeb Infrastructure



Clusters



- Link analysis produces clusters corresponding to web communities.
- Each eigenvalue gives the weight of the cluster.
- Values in each eigenvector rank pages in that community.

Example of Family

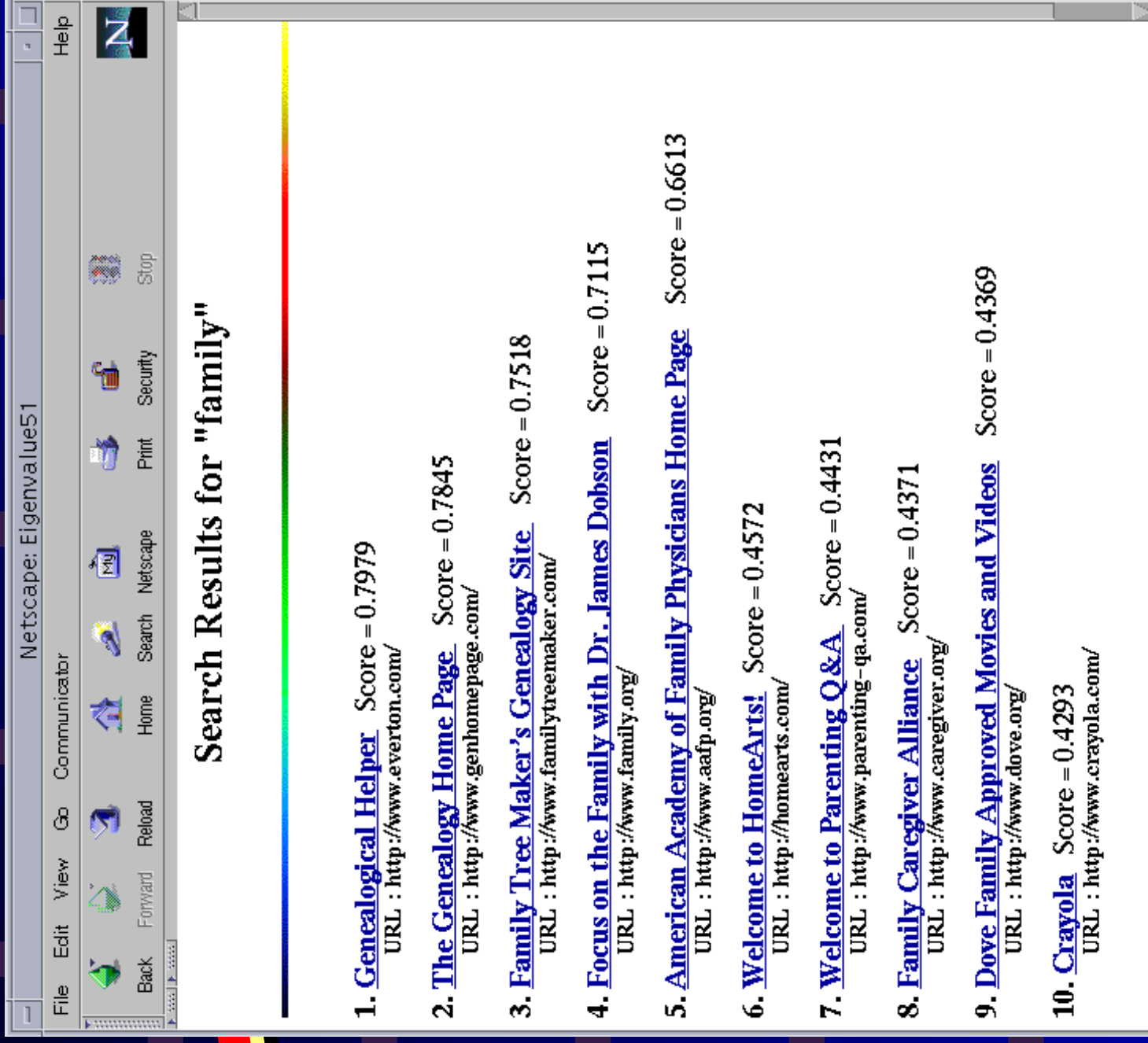
- There are many different communities represented.
- Communities include genealogy, family health, parenthood, Christian family values, family care givers.



"Family"

Search Results

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"Genealogy"

Netscape: Eigenvalue4

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"Genealogy" Community

- 1. Family Tree Maker's Genealogy Site** Score = 0.7100
URL : <http://www.familytreemaker.com/>
- 2. The Genealogy Home Page** Score = 0.0357
URL : <http://www.genhomepage.com/>
- 3. Genealogical Helper** Score = 0.0324
URL : <http://www.everton.com/>
- 4. Genealogy** Score = 0.0279
URL : <http://www.our-town.com/~puppy/welcome.html>
- 5. StarMedia** Score = 0.0279
URL : <http://www.gamesmania.com.br/portug/news/business/distrib.htm>
- 6. No Title** Score = 0.0279
URL : <http://www.comuni-k.com/compu2.htm>
- 7. Robert Slavey's Genealogy Page** Score = 0.0279
URL : <http://www.slavey.com/slavey/gene.html>
- 8. History:Genealogy** Score = 0.0279
URL : <http://www.snap.com/directory/category/0,16,-34946,00.html>
- 9. The Genealogy Connection Genealogy Links** Score = 0.0279
URL : <http://www.home.dwave.net/~skeeter/genlink1.html>
- 10. Genealogy Computer Interest Group** Score = 0.0279
URL : <http://www.avenue.org/Community/Agencies/Lake/gen-cig.html>



"Weather"

Search
Engine
Results

Alta Vista

Netscape: AltaVista: Simple Query weather

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Alta Vista Search Service for "Weather"

AltaVista found about 28,054,232 Web pages for you.

1. [Lycos Global Weather Service](http://weather.lycos.com/)
URL: weather.lycos.com/
2. [The Weather Channel Brasil – Tempo para o Brasil e o Mundo](http://tempo.weather.com/)
URL: tempo.weather.com/
3. [Weather Service Finland](http://www.weather.fi/)
URL: www.weather.fi/
4. [Los Angeles Weather – NWS](http://www.nwsia.noaa.gov/)
URL: www.nwsia.noaa.gov/
5. [KCBS Channel 2000 – Los Angeles Local News, Weather.](http://www.channel2000.com/)
URL: www.channel2000.com/
6. [Weather and Warnings Displayed Graphically at Xenocode, Inc.](http://www.weathernode.com/usmap.asp)
URL: www.weathernode.com/usmap.asp
7. [Central Region of the National Weather Service](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/)
URL: www.crh.noaa.gov/
8. [Boise National Weather Service](http://www.boi.noaa.gov/)
URL: www.boi.noaa.gov/
9. [Weather](http://www.vas-das.com/)
URL: www.vas-das.com/
10. [PC Weather Products Home Page](http://www.pcwp.com/)
URL: www.pcwp.com/



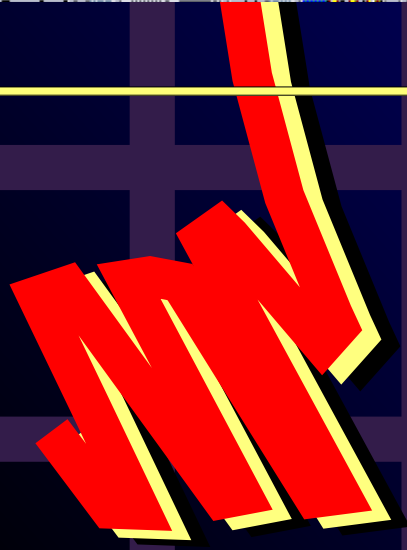
"Weather" Link Analysis Results DiscoWeb

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window with the title "Netscape: Eigenvalue51". The address bar is empty. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Communicator, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for Back, Forward, Reload, Home, Search, Netscape, Print, Security, and Stop. The main content area displays the following results:

DiscoWeb Search Results for "Weather"

★★★ Best ★★ Very Good ★ Good :: Infoseek Directory Stars

- 1. [Weather Underground: Welcome to ..](http://www.wunderground.com/)** Score = 0.8984 ★★★
URL : <http://www.wunderground.com/>
- 2. [Yahoo Weather Forecast](http://www.weather.yahoo.com/)** Score = 0.8924
URL : <http://www.weather.yahoo.com/>
- 3. [National Weather Service](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/)** Score = 0.7875 ★★★
URL : <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- 4. [USA Weather](http://www.intellicast.com/weather/usa/)** Score = 0.7374 ★★★
URL : <http://www.intellicast.com/weather/usa/>
- 5. [The University of Michigan Weather Underground](http://groundhog.sprl.umich.edu/)** Score = 0.6225 ★★
URL : <http://groundhog.sprl.umich.edu/>
- 6. [National Climatic Data Center](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/)** Score = 0.6123
URL : <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/>
- 7. [The Weather Network Online](http://www.theweathernetwork.com/)** Score = 0.6050
URL : <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>
- 8. [America's oldest source of weather](http://www.almanac.com/)** Score = 0.5245
URL : <http://www.almanac.com/>
- 9. [Space Science and Engineering Center](http://www.ssec.wisc.edu/)** Score = 0.4638
URL : <http://www.ssec.wisc.edu/>
- 10. [Welcome to WeatherOffice](http://www.weatheroffice.com/)** Score = 0.4522
URL : <http://www.weatheroffice.com/>



"Java"

Search Engine Results

Alta Vista



Alta Vista Search Service for "Java"

Alta Vista found about 18,254,865 Web pages for you.

1. [hav.Software – Neural Nets to Internet – Java et.al.](http://www.hav.com/)
URL: www.hav.com/
2. [WingSoft – One Stop Shop for Java Tools](http://www.wingsoft.com/)
URL: www.wingsoft.com/
3. [Caf151soft: A Java Software Development Company](http://www.cafesoft.com/)
URL: www.cafesoft.com/
4. [CORBA, COM, RPC, and Java development](http://www.nouveau-corba.com/)
URL: www.nouveau-corba.com/
5. [Natural Intelligence – Java, Oracle..](http://www.natural.com/)
URL: www.natural.com/
6. [Servlet Central: The Server-side Java Magazine](http://www.servletcentral.com/)
URL: www.servletcentral.com/
7. [Munica CGI SQL JAVA and Database Application Center](http://www.servletcentral.com/)
URL: www.servletcentral.com/
8. [JC VRML & JAVA Consulting: 3D Sports for the Web](http://www.technowin.com/)
URL: www.technowin.com/
9. [WebStrike! – an online java game](http://www.webstrike.com/)
URL: www.webstrike.com/
10. [Java and Web Services](http://www.jaws.umn.edu/)
URL: www.jaws.umn.edu/



"Java"

Link
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Netscape: Infoseek: Java

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Disco Web Search Results for "Java"

★★★ Best ★★ Very Good ★ Good :: Infoseek Directory Stars

- 1. [Java Applet Rating Service \(JARS\)](http://www.jars.com)** Score = 1.0837 ★★★
URL: www.jars.com
- 2. [Java Linux](http://www.blackdown.org/java-linux.html)** Score = 1.0027
URL: www.blackdown.org/java-linux.html
- 3. [Gamelan: Earthweb's Java Directory](http://www.gamelan.com/vwx/)** Score = 0.9196 ★★★
URL: www.gamelan.com/vwx/
- 4. [Java\(TM\) Technology Home Page](http://java.sun.com/)** Score = 0.8526 ★★
URL: java.sun.com/
- 5. [Code Warrior](http://www.metrowerks.com/)** Score = 0.7082
URL: www.metrowerks.com/
- 6. [The Java Apache Project](http://java.apache.org/)** Score = 0.5893
URL: java.apache.org/
- 7. [Java Repository: for Java Programmers](http://java.wivi.uni-frankfurt.de/)** Score = 0.5891 ★★★
URL: java.wivi.uni-frankfurt.de/
- 8. [Front Page -- www.arachnoid.com](http://www.arachnoid.com)** Score = 0.5665
URL: www.arachnoid.com/
- 9. [Artistic Reality](http://www.artreality.com)** Score = 0.5329
URL: www.artreality.com
- 10. [Java Lobby Homepage](http://www.javalobby.org)** Score = 0.5310 ★★
URL: [www.javalobby.org/](http://www.javalobby.org)



"Java"

**Direct Hits
from**

HotBot

A screenshot of a Netscape browser window. The title bar reads "Netscape: Direct Hits: Simple Query java". The address bar shows "http://www.hotbot.com/". The browser interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Go, Communicator, Help), a toolbar with icons for Back, Forward, Reload, Home, Search, Netscape, Print, Security, and Stop, and a status bar at the bottom. The main content area displays a list of search results under the heading "Direct Hits for 'Java'".

Direct Hits for "Java"

1. [Java\(tm\) Technology Home Page](http://ava.sun.com/index.html)
URL: ava.sun.com/index.html
2. [Getting Started with Java](http://java.sun.com/starter.html)
URL: java.sun.com/starter.html
3. [Java Page](http://aim.unipv.it/java/)
URL: aim.unipv.it/java/
4. [The Java\(TM\) Boutique](http://javaboutique.internet.com/)
URL: javaboutique.internet.com/
5. [Java Training and Mentoring](http://www.javatrain.com/)
URL: www.javatrain.com/
6. [Java Game Programming](http://biz.onramp.net/javapages/games.htm)
URL: biz.onramp.net/javapages/games.htm
7. [Zarf's List of Interactive Games on the Web](http://www.leftfoot.com/games.html)
URL: www.leftfoot.com/games.html
8. [The Java Tutorial](http://java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/)
URL: java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/
9. [WebStrike! – an online java game](http://play.yahoo.com/games/login?game=Checkers)
URL: play.yahoo.com/games/login?game=Checkers
10. [Play Java-based games on Yahoo!](http://play.yahoo.com/games/)
URL: play.yahoo.com/games/



"Java"

Search
Engine
Results

HotBot



Hotbot Search Service for "Java"

Hotbot found about 1,926,360 Web pages for you.

1. [Java Technology Home Page](http://www.java.sun.com/)

URL: www.java.sun.com/

2. [Gamelan](http://www.gamelan.com/)

URL: www.gamelan.com/

3. [MediaBuilder - Java Animation](http://deutsch.mediabuilder.com/softwaregraphicsjava.html)

URL: deutsch.mediabuilder.com/softwaregraphicsjava.html

4. [ComSpace.Com](http://www.comspace.com/)

URL: www.comspace.com/

5. [Digital Cats' Java\(tm\)](http://www.javacats.com/)

URL: www.javacats.com/

6. [Sun Microsystems' Java Platform](http://ac030.osu.cz/java/jdk/docs/api/packages.html)

URL: ac030.osu.cz/java/jdk/docs/api/packages.html

7. [Sun Microsystems' Java Platform](http://www2.cs.utah.edu/classes/cs3510/jdk1.1.7B/docs/api/packages.html)

URL: www2.cs.utah.edu/classes/cs3510/jdk1.1.7B/docs/api/packages.html

8. [Netpedia --> The Solution for Web Developers](http://netpedia.com/)

URL: netpedia.com/

9. [programmers' and developers' resources](http://www-a.developer.com/)

URL: www-a.developer.com/

10. [Package Summary](http://service.felk.cvut.cz/doc/java/share/jdk1.2beta3/docs/api/packages.html)

URL: service.felk.cvut.cz/doc/java/share/jdk1.2beta3/docs/api/packages.html