

Second Keynote: Creating Future Values in Information Access Research through NTCIR: Reflection of the 20-Year History of Patent-Related Shared Tasks and the Way Ahead

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Abstract

NTCIR (NII Testbeds and Community for Information access Research) is a series of evaluation workshops designed to enhance the research in information access technologies, such as information retrieval, question answering, and summarization using East-Asian languages, by providing infrastructures for research and evaluation. The project started late 1997 and has the workshop in 18-month cycle. It is a community-led activity and each round of NTCIR hosts several research tracks called "tasks", which are planned and organized by groups of international researchers. This talk focuses on Patent-related tasks and reviews how each of them has evolved and impacts to the research community and the society. Finally some thoughts on the future direction will be presented.

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