

Relevant Facets

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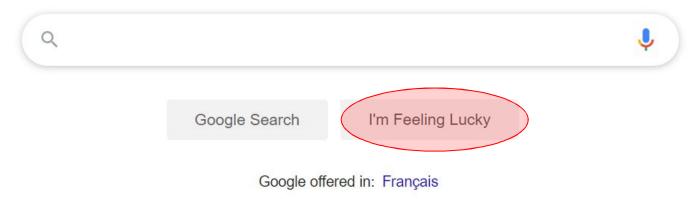
// Poll

- How many of you are using facets with the search engines you implement ?
- Who is doing statistics on facet usage ?
- Who is using Solr ?
- Who is using Elasticsearch ?
- Other search technology ?
- Who speaks French ?



// Why this talk ?





// Facets ?



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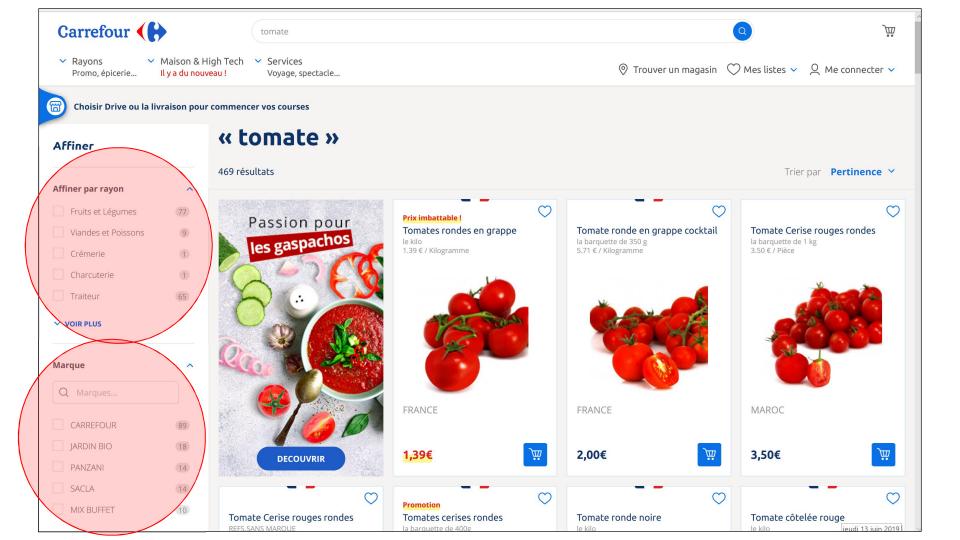
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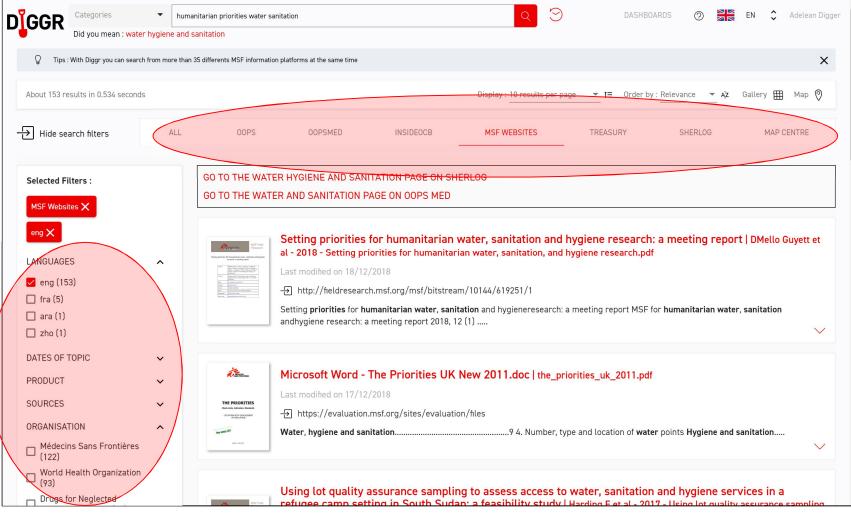


Give a holistic view over the search results



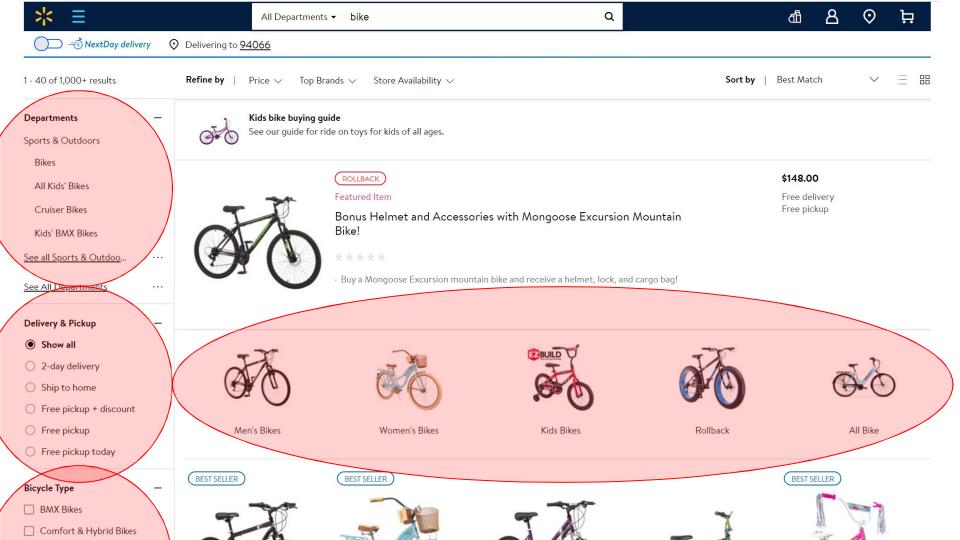
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Other "exotic" facets



Facets on a mobile device

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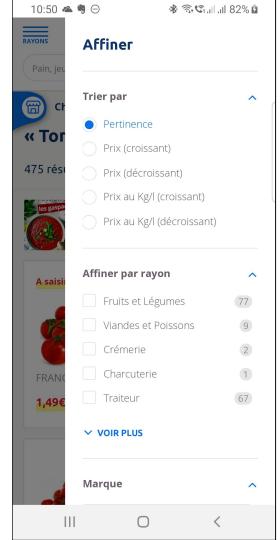
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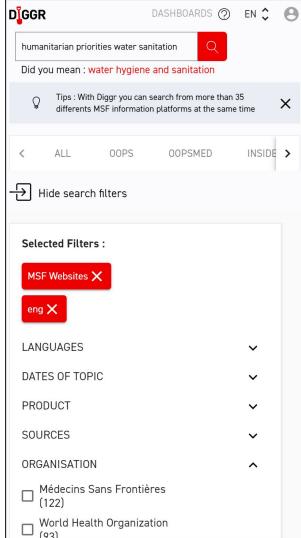
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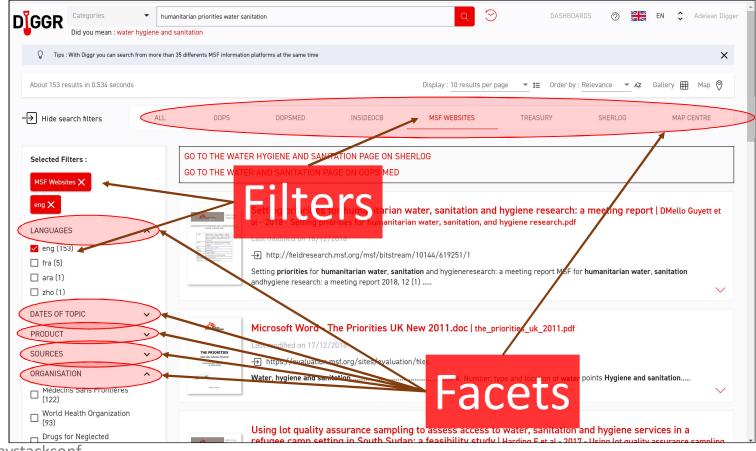


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// Facets and Filters



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// Why are facets important ?

VOICE + SCREEN (multimodal)



- More and more data and less and less space to display it
- New ways of searching: voice, assistants, chat bots

VOICE ONLY









// How are facets implemented ?

Facets are a standard feature of modern search engines.

Apache Lucene has great support for everything around facets

- Solr : field value faceting, range faceting, pivot faceting, interval faceting, block join faceting, ...
- Elasticsearch : aggregations, sub-aggregations, top hits aggregation, histogram aggregation, range aggregations, geo aggregations, ...

The User Experience with facets and the way they are "displayed" can be very diverse

// Structure of the talk

- Examples of facet implementations
- Challenges with facets and possible solutions
- Challenges with search in general and how facets can help
- Technical implementation examples are with Elasticsearch
- We are addressing less the "graphical" display of facets and more the technical issues with their relevancy

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// Challenge #1: marketplaces

 Issue: the heterogeneity of results and the number of candidate facets

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Heterogeneity of results: Solution 1

Facets based on top N results:

- Fetch the top N results (first page + a few of the next ones)
- Retain only the facets applicable to these top N results

Implementation details:

- First query: query term
- Fetch the first N document ids (let's say max 1024)
- Second query : terms filter on document ids and aggregations

Heterogeneity of results: Solution 2

- Modeling with a single facet-name / facet-value field tuple and the nested type
- Need to treat differently strings, numbers and booleans

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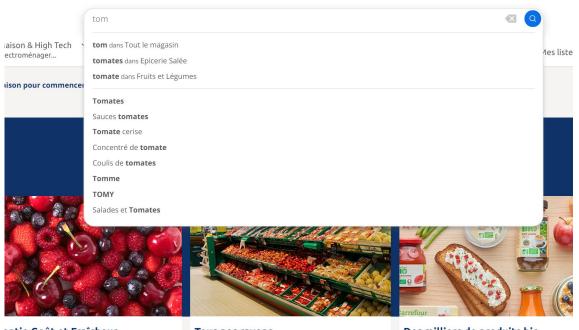
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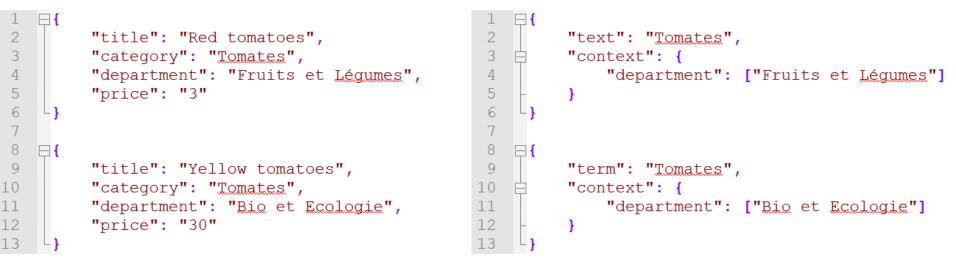


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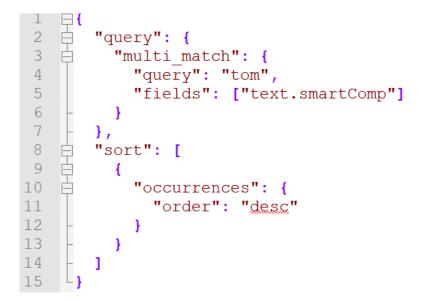
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The "Suggestions" index

The query



The result

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// Challenge #3: assistants

 Often the first responses of an assistant are suggestions for additional filters that refine the query.





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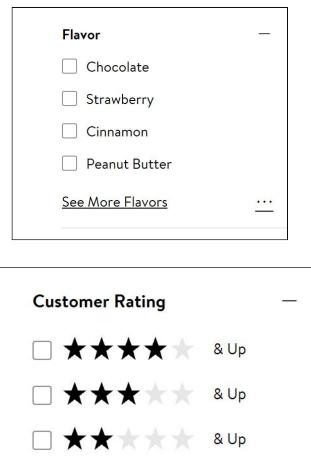
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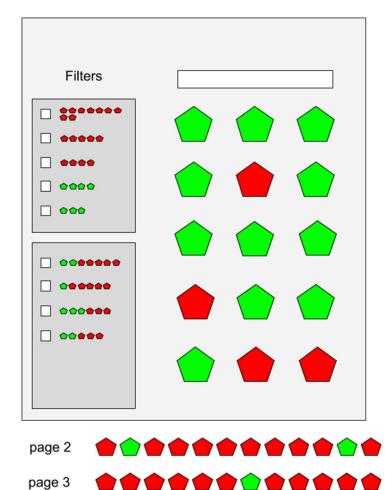
- Often the first responses of an assistant are suggestions for additional filters that refine the query
- "Quick win" solution : - Filters
- Issue :
 - Which facets to choose?
- Prerequisite:
 - Your search engine should already have relevant filters

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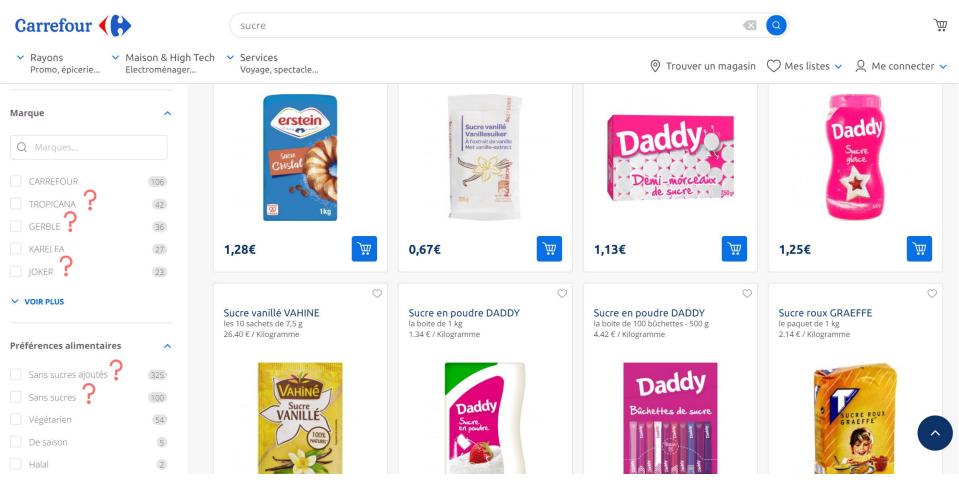


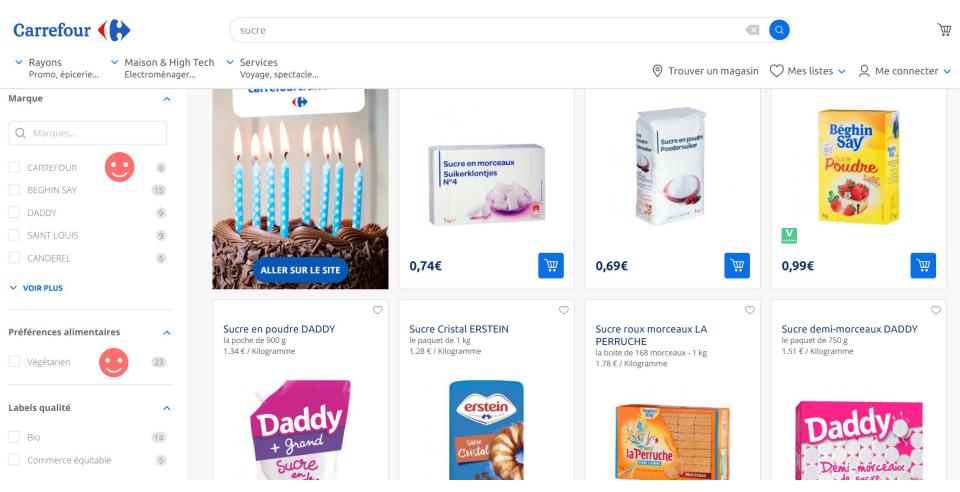
// Challenge #4: relevant facet values

 Issue: how to make facet values relevant in the context of many "less relevant" results ?



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Relevant facet values: the solution

Solutions: work on your search precision

Analytics and data science have clues: for instance, when clients type "tomato", is there a category which regroup most of the clicks ?

All you must do is prefilter some facets (or even all the results) with this category : 80% of the result set will disappear and your filters will look good !

Examples of prefiltering at Carrefour:

- 11% of results for "tomatos" are in the "Fresh vegetables" category but they represent 86% of products added to basket
- 24% of results for "rice" are in the "Pasta and Rice" category and represent 90% of purchases
- 8% of results for "sugar" are in the "Sugar and sweeteners" category and represent 90% of purchases

// Challenge #5: search in facet values

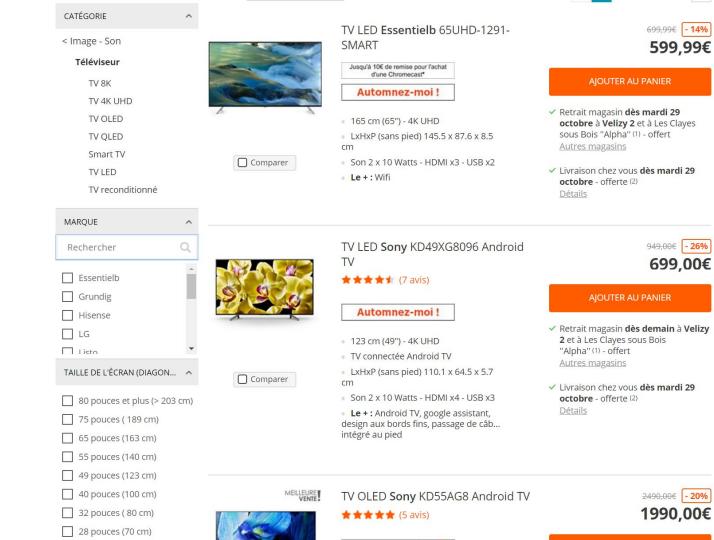
 Issue: How to bring up facet values beyond the first top N values ?

- Solutions:
 - Pagination
 - Search in Search

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Search in facet values: implementation with Elasticsearch



Search in facet values: details of the filter aggregation

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Search in facet values: details of the terms subaggregation



Search in facet values: details of the top_hits sub-aggregation and highlighting

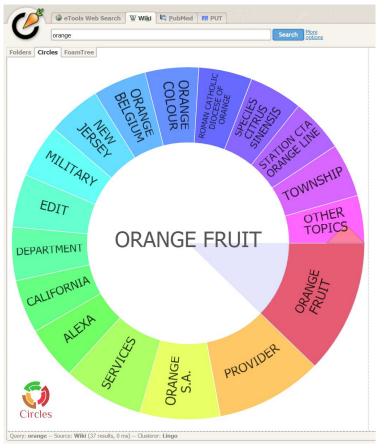


// Challenge #6: unstructured data

- Issue: the lack of structure makes difficult to suggest additional query refinements
- Solutions:
 - Clustering (like <u>http://project.carrot2.org/</u>)
 - Entity extraction (like <u>https://www.basistech.com/t</u> <u>ext-analytics/rosette/entity-</u> <u>extractor/ or</u> <u>https://twitter.com/dep4b/st</u> <u>atus/1121141764503609345</u>)



Display "facets" with clustering





http://project.carrot2.org/

Enrich the data with entity extraction

Haystack is the conference for improving search relevance. If you're like us, you work to understand the shiny new tools or dense academic papers out there that promise the moon. Then you puzzle how to apply those insights to your search problem, in your search stack. But the path isn't always easy, and the promised gains don't always materialize.

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Facets on unstructured text after entity extraction

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// Conclusions and takeaways



More data, less space \rightarrow Facets are more and more important



In order to be useful \rightarrow Facets should be relevant



Modern search engines have great support for facets

// Conclusions and takeaways

| Marketplaces | When too many possible facets $ ightarrow$ the relevant ones should be driven by the most relevant results |
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| Auto- completion | Use facet values as suggestions and disambiguation techniques |
| Assistants | When too many results → chose the facet and filter suggestions that disambiguate most as the first answer |
| Relevant facet values | When there is a risk of noise in the results → avoid bringing it to facet values |
| Search in facet values | When too many facet values → bring up those beyond the top N with search (not with JavaScript |
| Unstructured data | Use clustering and entity extraction to be able to define facets |



Thank You !

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