

# Experimental Information Retrieval

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# Introductions

- Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_.
- However, I'd rather be called \_\_\_\_\_. (optional)
- I'm in the \_\_\_\_\_ program.
- I'm taking this course because I want to \_\_\_\_\_.



# Course Overview

# TREC 2016

## tracks

- Clinical Decision Support
- **Goal:** linking a medical case with biological studies relevant for patient care
- **Input:** A narrative describing a medical case: (1) description, (2) summary, and (3) note
- **Output:** A ranked list of documents containing information about the (1) diagnosis, (2) tests, and (3) treatment plan associated with the case

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## tracks

- Contextual Suggestion
- **Input:** User profile + location + “Entertain me”
- **User profile:** ratings on previously recommended activities/venues from a different location + demographic info + “trip type”
- **Output:** A ranked list of suggested activities/venues in the given location

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## tracks

- Dynamic Domain
- **Input:** Query describing complex, multi-faceted topic
- **Output:** Multiple rounds of results covering the different subtopics of the topic

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- Live QA
- **Input:** Natural language question (possibly recommendation-based)
- **Example:** “My 105 lb. lab mix just ate a whole box of raisin bran and is acting normal. Should I be worried?”
- **Output:** 1000-character answer in less than a minute (and optionally, a question summary)

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- OpenSearch
- Goal: Tune and evaluate systems using real users
- Procedure:
  - ▶ Each participating system produces results for a common set of queries
  - ▶ When a “real user” enters a query, the broker interleaves the results from different systems
  - ▶ The user’s clicks and skips are communicated to each participating system
  - ▶ After an tuning period, systems are re-evaluated



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- Real-time Summarization
- **Input:** Query
- **Real-Time Output:** At most 10 relevant and non-redundant tweets per day (as early as possible)
- **Email Digest Output:** At most 100 relevant and non-redundant tweets per day (at the end of the day)

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## tracks

- Task
- **Input:** Query describing topic (and Freebase IDs for entities in the query)
- **Task Understanding:** Ranked list of up to 1000 key phrases describing all sub-tasks the user is trying to accomplish
- **Task Completion:** Ranked list of up to 1000 documents with relevant information about sub-tasks
- **Ad-hoc search:** Ranked list of up to 1000 documents with relevant information

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## tracks

- Total Recall
- **Input:** Query describing topic + document-at-time relevance feedback
- **Output:** One document at a time until the system decides to stop based on the feedback