Search Engine For Second Life®

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This invention describes a system for collecting, filtering, processing, and ranking information related to user-generated content in 3D virtual worlds such as Second Life® for the purpose of creating a search service for 3D content.

FULL DESCRIPTION

The invention relates to collecting as much information as possible from the virtual world, and then (1) filtering out information that is of no public interest, (2) processing the information so that the most useful parts get used; and (3) ranking the search results according to relevance.

By using clustering and tagging techniques, program-driven “crawling” avatars log into each sim of the Second Life Grid™ and collects information about the places and objects there.

SUGGESTED USES

Second Life® searches

ADVANTAGES

Free to users

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OTHER INFORMATION

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