

**Publication Retrieval System for Bahagian Arkib & Muzium
(BAM) UiTM using Vector Space Model**

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Abstract

Information retrieval and search engines have become an essential aspect in many information systems. In systems which employ large databases, information retrieval becomes more important as it is able to perform better than the standard query search depending on the model used. Currently, the Bahagian Arkib & Muzium (BAM) of UiTM does not have an information search engine for its publication and retrieves information on publication materials manually. The objectives of this project are to create a publication bulletin database for BAM, create a retrieval engine prototype based on the bulletin database and test the functionality of the prototype in retrieving the information on bulletins. A search engine prototype that is based on the vector space model is implemented for the project. This prototype will extract the data from the database and index the data to create an inverted file. The inverted file will then be used for the retrieval process by comparing it with the query submitted by the user to identify the relevant publication materials and displaying a sample of the document back to the user. The prototype is able to successfully retrieve data from the database. However, the retrieval method is limited to the effectiveness of the stemmer and stop-word removal being used and further research should be conducted in these areas.

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