

shown to incorporate some of the traditional methods used in automatic indexing today.

The problem of indexing full texts, such as books, has not been solved. This problem emphasizes not only the drawbacks of existing descriptor languages but the drawbacks of artificial languages in general. Of the several approaches to solving this problem that have been suggested, the most promising are those based on statistical indexing. However, the automatic indexing of documents is a reality today, and it is used in systems where the documents are short or are abstracts.

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