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Abstract

The virtue of a database system lies in its ability to efficiently retrieve the correct piece of information given a specific user-query. Alphanumeric keys are used for organizing and retrieving appropriate piece of information in databases. What would happen if the basic data format is not alphanumeric but is an image, a video sequence, or some other signal? Images and other non-alphanumeric objects can neither be decomposed into well-defined records, nor can they be manipulated based upon any universally invariant criterion. By what principles can the images be organized? How are image-based queries specified? How can the concept of index keys be extended to image-based (as opposed to text based) entities? Similar issues arise if the information is in video, speech or other sounds, or any other signal. Non-alphanumeric information is omnipresent in modern society. Information systems to view and observe heterogeneous information are needed in many applications, but have started receiving attention only recently.

In this tutorial, we will first address the basic problems in the area of content-addressable image databases, and then briefly review the state of the art in this emerging field. Our goal is to present the state of art in this new emerging field. We will then discuss the approach taken in the InfoScope project and give detailed examples from a video database system and an image database system.

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