metaphactory Search Components - An Overview



| Parameter | Keyword search | Keyword search featuring type-based disambiguation | Structured search | Constant search | Form-based search | Simple search component |
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| Ease of configuration | High Works mostly out-of-the-box, but requires the selection of a result visualization. | High Declaration of categories (types) and of the result visualization are required. | Low The main target domains and the relations between them must be provided as a config. In the near future, this will be auto-suggested from the underlying ontology. Additionally, the result visualization must be specified. | High The select query needs to be provided and the result visualization must be specified. | Medium The target domain and other constraints can be provided in the configuration. | Maximum Works out-of-the-box, incl. default result visualization. |
| Ease of providing a search query | High The end user types in a keyword to produce exact matches in the data, e.g., "Alzheimer". | High The end user types in a keyword to produce exact matches in the data, e.g., "ap2a2", then selects a category. | Low The end user selects a target domain and drills down to the results by defining relations of interest, e.g., medication used for treatmenting Alzheimer's. | Maximum The user does not need to provide any query. The query is entirely hard-coded. | Medium The user fills out the predefined form fields. | High The end user types in a keyword to produce exact matches in the data, e.g., "Alzheimer". |
| Level of query control | Low Results are delivered only based on keywords matches. | Medium Results are delivered based on keyword matches and by selecting a resource type. | Maximum Concepts and relations from the ontology can be specified together with keywords and AND/OR logic. | High The full power of SPARQL select query can be utilized, but the query is fully pre-configured. | Maximum The full power of SPARQL select query can be utilized; the query can be influenced based on provided form fields (mostly keyword matches). | Low Results are delivered only based on keywords matches. |
| Capabilities for refining search results | Medium Facets can be applied to filter search results. Additionally, the end user can add keywords to refine the search. | High Facets can be applied to filter search results. Type restrictions are possible. Additional keywords can be specified. | Maximum The end user visually constructs the query piece by piece and can include AND / OR relations as needed. Facets can be applied to filter search results. | Medium No control over the query. Facets can be applied to filter search results. | High The end user can influence the parameters of the query, but not the query itself. Facets can be applied to filter search results. | Low Auto-suggestions direct the end user to select a single resource from the dropdown. The end user can add keywords to refine the search. |
| Composability | Medium Facets are available. A wide range of result visualizations is available: table, chart, map, graph, etc. | Medium Facets are available. A wide range of result visualizations is available: table, chart, map, graph, etc. | High Autosuggest, value select and tree select, as well as map selector and date selector are available. Facets are available. A wide range of result visualizations is available: table. chart. map. graph. etc. | Medium Facets are available. A wide range of result visualizations is available: table, chart, map, graph, etc. | Maximum Options to use autosuggest, value select or tree select fields, as well as dependencies between fields. Facets are available. A wide range of result visualizations is available: table. chart. map. graph. etc. | Low Results are only a list of items in a drop- down. |