**Filtering Instagram Hashtags Through Crowdtagging and the HITS Algorithm**

**Abstract:**

 Instagram is a rich source for mining descriptive tags for images and multimedia in general. The tags–image pairs can be used to train automatic image annotation (AIA) systems in accordance with the learning by example paradigm. In previous studies, we had concluded that, on average, 20% of the Instagram hashtags are related to the actual visual content of the image they accompany, i.e., they are descriptive hashtags, while there are many irrelevant hashtags, i.e., stop-hashtags, that are used across totally different images just for gathering clicks and for searchability enhancement. In this paper, we present a novel methodology, based on the principles of collective intelligence that helps in locating those hashtags. In particular, we show that theapplication of a modiﬁed version of thewell-known hyperlinkinduced topic search (HITS) algorithm, in a crowdtagging context, provides an effective and consistent way for ﬁnding pairs of Instagram images and hashtags, which lead to representative and noise-free training sets for content-based image retrieval. As a proof of concept, we used the crowdsourcing platform Figure-eight to allow collective intelligence to be gathered in the form of tag selection (crowdtagging) for Instagram hashtags. The crowdtagging data of Figure-eight are used to form bipartite graphs in which the ﬁrst type of nodes corresponds to the annotators and the second type to the hashtags they selected. The HITS algorithm is ﬁrst used to rank the annotators in terms of their effectiveness in the crowdtagging task and then to identify the right hashtags per image.

**SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:**

**HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:**

* System : Pentium Dual Core.
* Hard Disk : 120 GB.
* Monitor : 15’’ LED
* Input Devices : Keyboard, Mouse
* Ram : 1 GB

**SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:**

* Operating system : Windows XP/UBUNTU.
* Implementation : NS2
* NS2 Version : 2.28
* Front End : OTCL (Object Oriented Tool Command  Language)
* Tool : Cygwin (To simulate in Windows OS)