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Prototype Data Search Engine & Query Building UI

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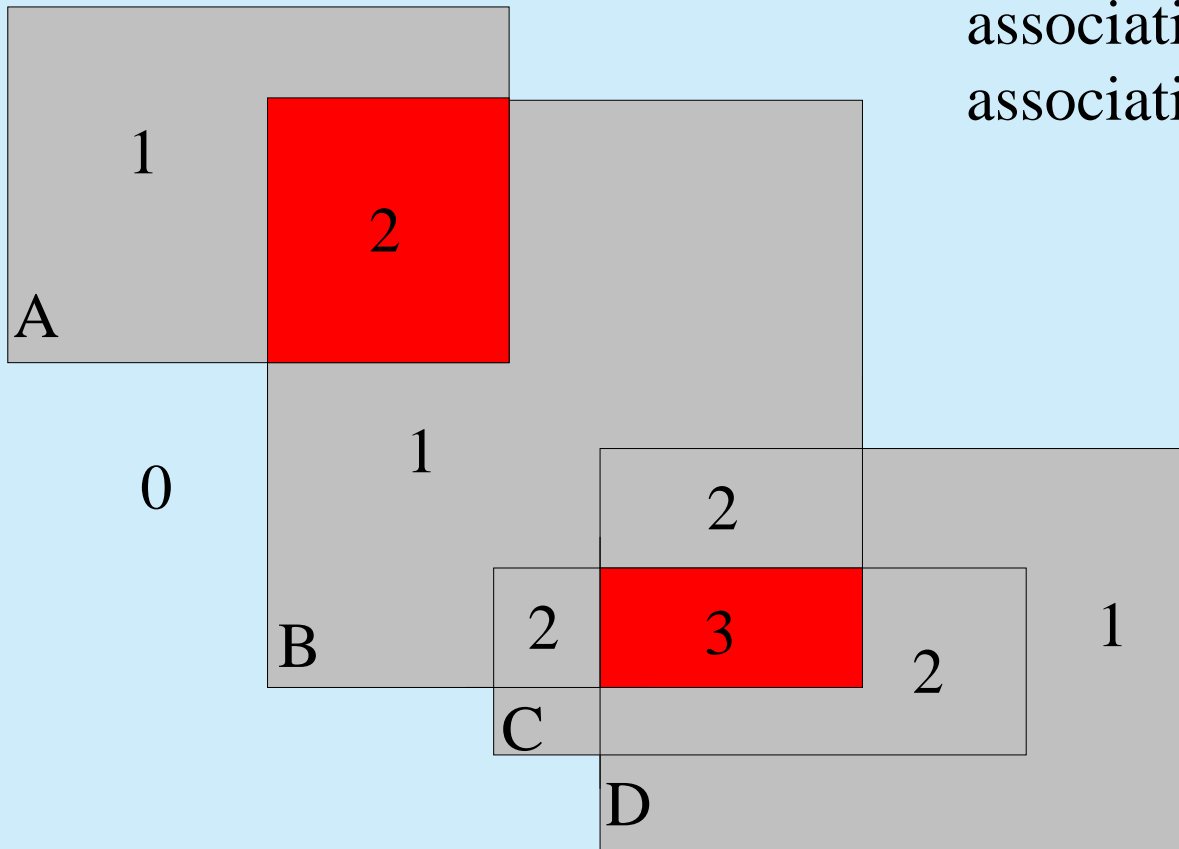
A Search Engine?

- search engine for data services
 - ◊ currently: images only
- basic overview of pieces:
 - ◊ harvest metadata only
 - ◊ build table and indices to support complex queries
 - ◊ delegate data delivery back to original DAL service
 - ◊ java client application: Octet
 - deployed via Java Webstart, requires Java 1.4

Associations

- spatial association is a set of observations that all overlap
 - ◊ there is a single point contained by all members
 - ◊ observations can belong to multiple associations
- server stores pre-computed association relations
 - ◊ involves considerable geometry processing (intersection)
 - ◊ time-consuming
 - ◊ re-usable
 - ◊ supports incremental addition of content

Spatial Association



association: A B
association: B C D

Association Queries

- user defines groups of observations using queries
- association query is a spatial intersection (join) of the results
 - ◊ each user-defined group must have at least 1 member

can think of an association query as a spatial join

Association Queries

- vanilla association is a single set of overlapping observations
 - ◊ user specifies 2 or more groups using condition
- query returns the part of the association that satisfies conditions, grouped according to user spec
 - ◊ each user-defined group must have at least 1 member

can think of a query as template/pattern
resulting associations match the template



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Demo

- Now for the live demo of Octet...

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