# Automated Food Linkage in FoodCASE 

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## FoodCASE Data Landscape

## Food Compilation Application

Food Composition

Food Name
Apple, fresh
Pear, fresh

| Component | Value |
| :--- | :--- |
| Protein | $0.3 \mathrm{~g} / 100 \mathrm{~g}$ |
| Vitamin C | $5 \mathrm{mg} / 100 \mathrm{~g}$ |

## Food Consumption

Person
Person1
Person2

| Food | Amount |
| :--- | :--- |
| Apple, fresh | 1 piece |
| Pear, fresh | 1 piece |

Total Diet Study

## Food Name

Apple, fresh
Pear, fresh

| Component | Value |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mercury | $0 \mathrm{mg} / 100 \mathrm{~g}$ |
| Selenium | $0 \mathrm{mg} / 100 \mathrm{~g}$ |

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## Epic•Soft <br> 24-Hour Diet

Recall Interview


| Food Name |
| :--- |
| Country fries |
| Cooked potatoes with peel |
| Potatoe-gnocchi |
| Potatoes |

## Food Name

Potato chips, paprika (Migros)
Potatoe, peeled, steamed
Potatoe, peeled, cooked
Potato, peeled, raw

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Concept Map


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## Exploitation



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## Food Names

## Jaccard's approach

1. Exploitation
2. Food names
3. Descriptor comparison $\downarrow$
4. Category comparison
5. FoodEx2 comparison
6. LanguaL comparison

## Fresh apple

Apple, raw

Fresh apple -> \{fre, res, esh, app, ppI, ple\} ~ Apple, raw -> \{app, pl, ple, raw\} ~

$$
J(A, B)=\frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} .
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Intersection }=3 \\
\text { Union }=7 \\
\text { Similarity }=0.43
\end{gathered}
$$

Problem: "Apple pie" and "apple, raw" have a similarity of 0.6

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## Synonyms Comparison

## Food consumption



Similarity = 1 because of the synonym

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## Descriptor Comparison

Consumption foods have descriptors, which can be used for matching.


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## Category comparison



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## FoodEx2 comparison



## Similarity:

## Fruit and fruit products (A01B5)

## Fresh fruit (A04RK)

Pome fruit (A01DG)

Apples(p) (A01DH) Apple, raw

Fresh apple Apple (A01DJ)

Apple, raw: A01B5-A04RK-A01DG-A01DH Fresh apple: A01B5-A04RK-A01DG-A01DH-A01DJ Similarity: 80\%

## General approach

Weighted approach
Take highest similarity


## Sequence approach

1. Compare name

2. Compare synonyms
3. Compare descriptor
4. Compare category
5. 

> Sequenced similarity

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## Some Screenshots

## Food Matching Wizard

FC Food Matching Wizard

## Food Matching Results



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## How good is the approach?

## Test Approach

- Consumption foods <-> composition foods, including name, synonyms, descriptors and categories
- Food consumption: 4917 foods (pilot study)
- Food composition: 11’067 foods (V5.1)
- Method: Weighted matching
- Weight: 1.0 for all
- Similarity threshold: 0.1


## Test Approach

- 5 food categories were chosen: leafy vegetables, fruits, butter, Yoghurt and soft drinks
- From each category 8-10 foods were randomly selected.
- List of candidate foods were investigated.

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## Test Results

|  | Best food match is ... |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Category | top <br> candidate | under first 5 <br> candidates | not within first <br> 5 candidates | Average <br> similarity |
| Leafy vegetables | $90 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $0 \%$ | 1.60 |
| Fruits | $70 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $30 \%$ | 1.48 |
| Butter | $50 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $37.5 \%$ | 1.71 |
| Yoghurt | $22 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $33 \%$ | 1.44 |
| Soft drinks | $87.5 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | 1.51 |
| Average | $65 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 5 4}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## Comments

- Name, weights and thresholds must be adjusted for some categories, e.g. for yoghurt, use name instead of generic name gives

| Category | top candidate | under first 5 <br> candidates | not within first 5 <br> candidates |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yoghurt before | $22 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Yoghurt after | $55 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

- Using German names for matching is better than English names.
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## Thank you for your attention

## Other approaches

- NL: about 50\% (problems are new food products)
- ESP: about 80\% (without giving details, it's a secret)
- PT: Almost $100 \%$ (smaller food set -> work with a dictionary is possible)

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## Select Food Category

Food Matching Wizard

## Food Matching Wizard

Select categories for which you want to have matching proposals．Click on Next to start food matching calculations．

## Existing Categories



Alkoholfreie Getränke（Matched foods： 0 of 426） Alkoholische Getränke（Matched foods： 0 of 76）
Cakes，Kuchen，Torten，süsse Wähen，Patisserie und Feingebä Diverse Lebensmittel（Matched foods： 0 of 17）
Eier und Eiprodukte（Matched foods： 0 of 45）
Fette und Öle（Matched foods： 17 of 84）
－Andere tierische Fette（inkl．Fischöle）（Matched foods： 0 of
－Butter（Matched foods： 17 of 34）
－Margarinen und Kochfette（Matched foods： 0 of 23）
－Nicht spezifizierte sowie gemischte Fette und Öle（Matched －Pflanzliche Öle（Matched foods： 0 of 12）
Fische，Meeresfrüchte，Amphibien und Reptilien（Matched foods Fleisch，Fleischprodukte und Fleischersatz（Matched foods： 0 of Früchte，Nüsse und Samen（Matched foods： 0 of 514）
Gemüse（Matched foods： 5 of 706）
Getreide，Getreideprodukte und Körner（Matched foods： 28 of $\epsilon$ Hülsenfrüchte（getrocknet）（Matched foods： 16 of 17）
Kartoffeln und andere stärkehaltige Wurzelknollen（Matched foo Milch，Milchprodukte und Milchersatzprodukte（Matched foods： Rezepte（Matched foods： 0 of 173）
$+\cdots$
$\vdots$
$\vdots$
$\vdots$ Salzige Snacks（Matched foods： 1 of 59） Suppen und Bouillons（Matched foods： 19 of 61）
Würzmittel，Gewürze，Hefen，Kräuter und Saucen（Matched foo亩…］ Zucker，Schokolade und Süsswaren（Matched foods： 0 of 360）

## Selected Categories


$\square$－．．．Fette und Öle －Butter

Matching

## FC Food Matching Wizard

## Food Matching Results



