Foreword

This report constitutes the proceedings of the fourth Text REtrieval Conference (TREC-4) held in Gaithersburg, Maryland, November 1-3, 1995. The conference was co-sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and was attended by 140 people involved in the 36 participating groups. The conference was the fourth in an on-going series of workshops to evaluate new technologies in text retrieval.

The workshop included plenary sessions, discussion groups and demonstrations. Because the participants in the workshop drew on their personal experiences, they sometimes cited specific vendors and commercial products. The inclusion or omission of a particular company or product does not imply either endorsement or criticism by NIST.

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