

**ABSTRACT:**

The amount of Arabic electronic information is growing drastically on the web. Statistics shows that the number of Internet users in the Middle East has increased enormously since the year 2000 due to increase in ICT awareness and its importance within Arab countries. As a result this has raised the need to find effective methods and techniques for allocating and retrieving the Arabic-based content from the web. This paper presents major Information Retrieval (IR) tools and techniques and it highlights few challenges in this regard.