one term that is a member of an entity category and also includes one or more terms that match terms in the other identified queries. A query template is constructed that includes the matching terms and the entity category. A ranking of the query template may be determined and may be indicative of the likelihood that the query template is effective in determining query suggestions to provide to a user in response to future partial queries.

[0005] In some implementations, a computer implemented method is provided that includes the steps of: identifying a partial query entered by a user; identifying a current location associated with the user that entered the partial query; identifying a query template based on the partial query, wherein the query template includes one or more template terms and an identifier of an entity category, and wherein the entity category is a grouping of entities that share one or more aspects in common; formulating a query suggestion based on the query template, wherein formulating the query suggestion comprises: choosing an entity alias for an entity of the entities of the entity category based on the location of the user that entered the partial query, and formulating the query suggestion by inserting the entity alias into the query template; and providing the query suggestion for presentation to the user.

[0006] This method and other implementations of technology disclosed herein may each optionally include one or more of the following features.

[0007] The method may further include the step of determining if the query template is valid based on whether the ranking satisfies a threshold.

[0009] Determining the ranking for the query template may include determining a conforming frequency