



Elasticsearch Search made easy

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Agenda



- Why is search complex?
- Installation & initial setup
- Importing data
- Searching data
- Replication & Sharding
- Plugin-based architecture
- Clients

Elasticsearch - The Company



- Founded in 2012
 - By the people behind the Elasticsearch project
 - http://www.elasticsearch.com
- Professional services
 - Training (public & onsite)
 - Consultancy (development support)
 - Production support subscription
 - targeting production
 - 3 levels of SLAs
 - differing in response times and availability

Search is hard



- Functional requirements
 - Find the right data (effectivity/relevance)
- Non-functional requirements
 - Find the data right (efficiency/speed)

- Speed is useless without relevance
- Biggest problem: Search is highly subjective

Search - by term





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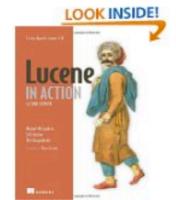
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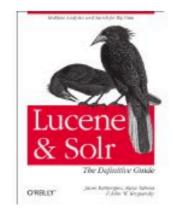
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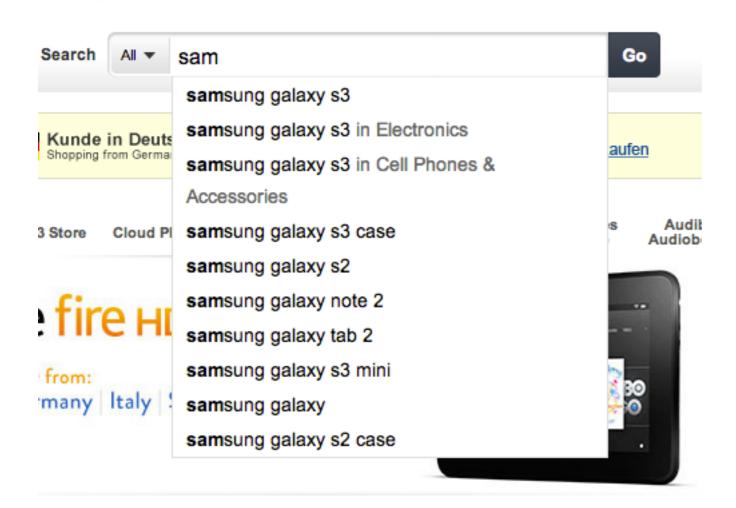
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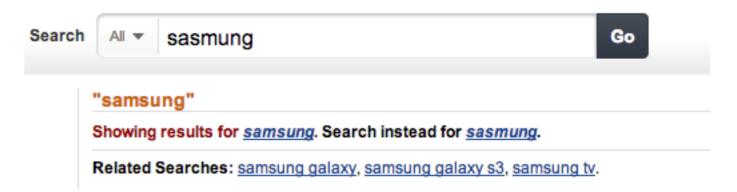


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Search - Suggestions & Corrections

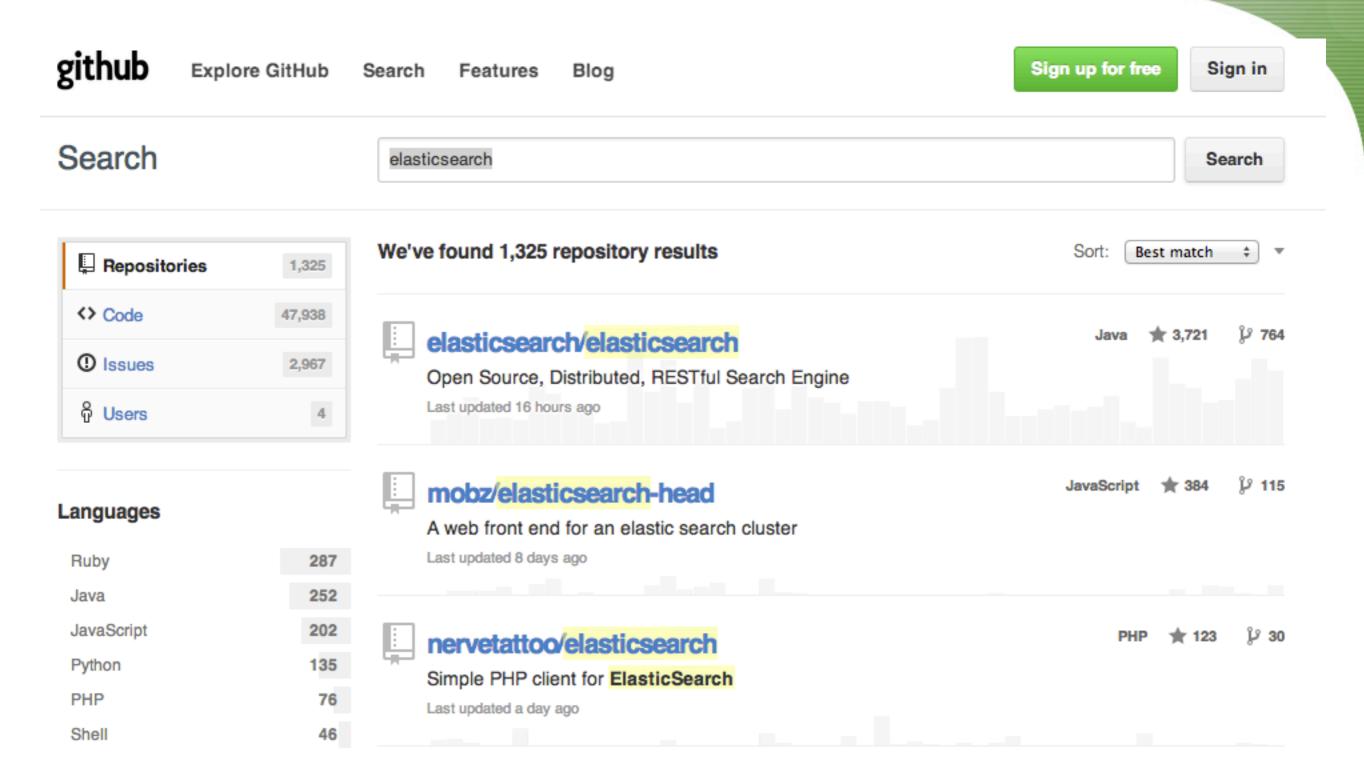






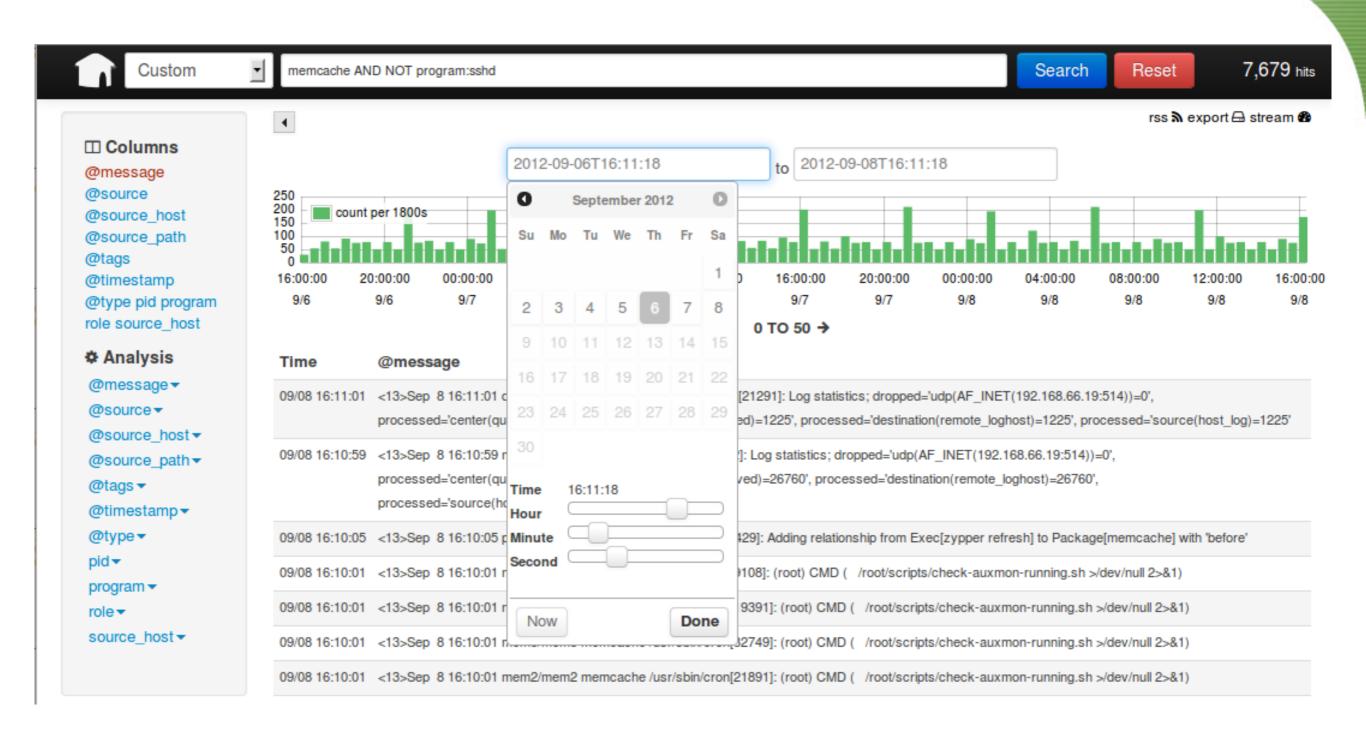
Search - Highlighting





Search is everywhere





What is Elasticsearch?



- Schema-free, REST & JSON based document store
- Multi-tenancy, distributed
- Apache License 2.0
- Language specific drivers
- Zero configuration



 Used by github, soundcloud, stackoverflow, mozilla, klout

Zero configuration!



```
# wget --no-check-certificate https://download.elasticsearch.org/elasticsearch/
elasticsearch/elasticsearch-0.90.0.RC1.zip

# unzip elasticsearch-0.90.0.RC1.zip

# cd elasticsearch-0.90.0.RC1

# bin/elasticsearch -f
```

```
# curl -X PUT http://localhost:9200/products/product/1 -d '{ "name" : "high
quality search engine" }'

{"ok":true,"_index":"products","_type":"product","_id":"1","_version":1}
```

```
# curl -X POST 'http://localhost:9200/products/product/_search?pretty=1' -d
'{ "query" : { "match" : { "name" : " search"} } }'
```

Configuration



- config/elasticsearch.json or config/ elasticsearch.yml
- instance-wide settings (zen discovery, network setup, available analyzers)
- Index default configurations (number of shards)
- Seperate logging configuration (simplified log4j): config/logging.yml

elasticsearch.yml



```
discovery.zen.multicast.enabled: false
http:
 max_content_length: 100000
index:
  number_of_shards: 1
  analysis:
    analyzer:
      default:
        type: standard
      lowercase_analyzer:
        type: custom
        tokenizer: standard
        filter: [standard, lowercase]
```

Importing data



Single document via HTTP

```
# curl -X PUT 'http://localhost:9200/articles/article/1' -d '{
  "title" : "My first article",
  "content" : "... some lengthy article ...",
  "tags" : [ "news", "sports", "introduction" ],
  "created" : "2013/04/04 16:54:23",
  "viewed" : 234,
  "cost" : 0.99
}'
```

Alternatives: Bulk import, River

Mapping



- Matching fields with data types
- Inferred if not configured (dangerous!)
- Types: float, long, boolean, date (+formatting), object, nested
- String type can have arbitrary analyzers
- Fields can be split up in more fields (multi field)

Sample mapping



```
# curl 'localhost:9200/articles/article/_mapping?pretty=1'
{
    "article" : {
        "properties" : {
            "content" : { "type" : "string" },
            "title" : { "type" : "string" },
            "tags" : { "type" : "string" },
            "viewed" : { "type" : "long" },
            "cost" : { "type" : "double" },
            "created" : {
                 "type" : "date", "format" : "yyyy/MM/dd HH:mm:ss||yyyy/MM/dd"
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Analyzers



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Standard Analyzers	Analyzed Text
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stop	waxolutionists smart blip experience unopened only
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pattern	waxolutionists smart blip experience unopened only
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Querying elasticsearch



- Search queries
 - match, term, prefix, id, fuzzy
- Counting only, Geo-based queries
- More like this, Highlighting
- Faceting, Percolation, Scripting
- Suggestions



- HTTP (port 9200) or binary protocol (port 9300)
- JSON based query DSL
- JSONP & CORS support

Java client supports builder pattern, is fully asynchronous



Using the DSL

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:9200/articles/article/_search?pretty=1 -d '
    "from" : 0,
    "size" : 10,
    "query" : {
        "match" : {
            "title" : "first"
        }
    }
}'
```



Result

```
"took": 2,
"timed_out": false,
"_shards": { "total": 15, "successful": 15, "failed": 0 },
"hits": {
  "total": 1,
  "max_score": 0.15342641,
  "hits": [
      "_index": "articles", "_type": "article", "_id": "1",
      "_score": 0.15342641,
      "_source": {
        "title": "My first article",
        "content": "... some lengthy article ...",
        "tags": [ "news", "sports", "introduction" ],
        "created": "2013/04/04 16:54:23"
```

Search - Faceting



Faceting allows aggregation of search results

- Term: Group results by a term
- Range: Group by price or date ranges
- Histogram: Group results in equally sized buckets, also as date histogram
- Statistical: Include statistical data like min, max, sum, avg & some more
- Geo distance: Group results around a coordinate

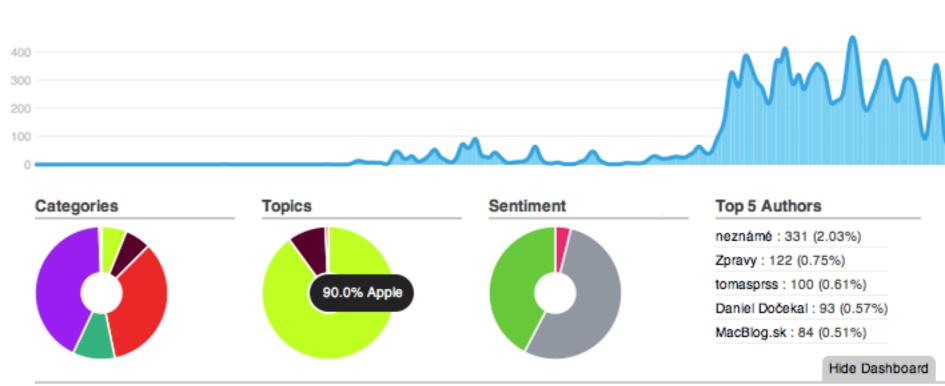
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Faceting - Request



```
curl -X POST http://localhost:9200/articles/article/_search?pretty=1 -d '
 "from" : 0,
 "size" : 10,
 "query" : {
    "match" : {
     "title" : "first"
  },
  "facets" : {
   "tagsFacet" : {
     "terms" : {
        "field": "tags",
       "size" : 10
```

Faceting - Response



```
"took": 154,
"timed_out" : false,
"_shards" : { ... },
"hits" : { ... },
"facets" : {
  "tagsFacet" : {
    "_type" : "terms",
    "missing" : 0,
    "total" : 3,
    "other" : 0,
    "terms" : [
      { "term" : "sports", "count" : 201 },
      { "term" : "news", "count" : 160 },
      { "term" : "introduction", "count" : 1 }
```

Search - Scripting



Apply custom scoring logic before returning results

- Apply math operations with data from fields to change score
- Scripting languages: MVEL, javascript, groovy, python



Replication & Sharding

Replication & Sharding



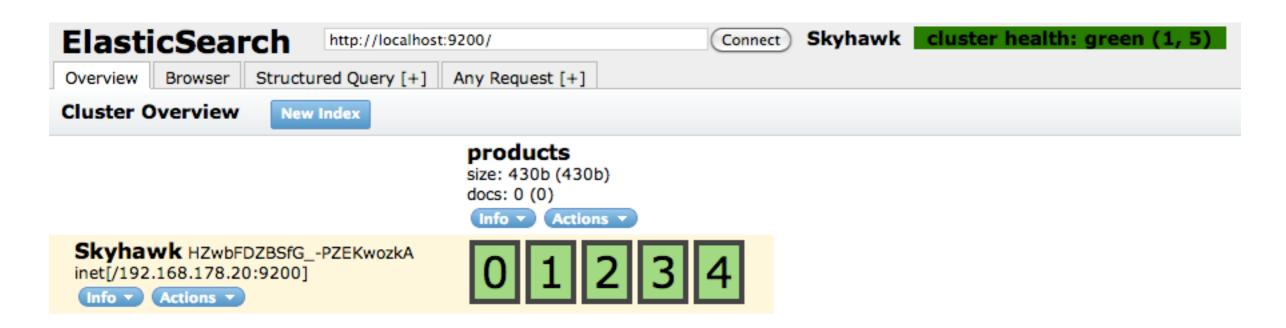
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 - Increasing throughput due to concurrency
 - Allow outage of nodes without dataloss

- Sharding: Index partitioning
 - Split logical data into physically smaller parts
 - Control data flows

Sharding



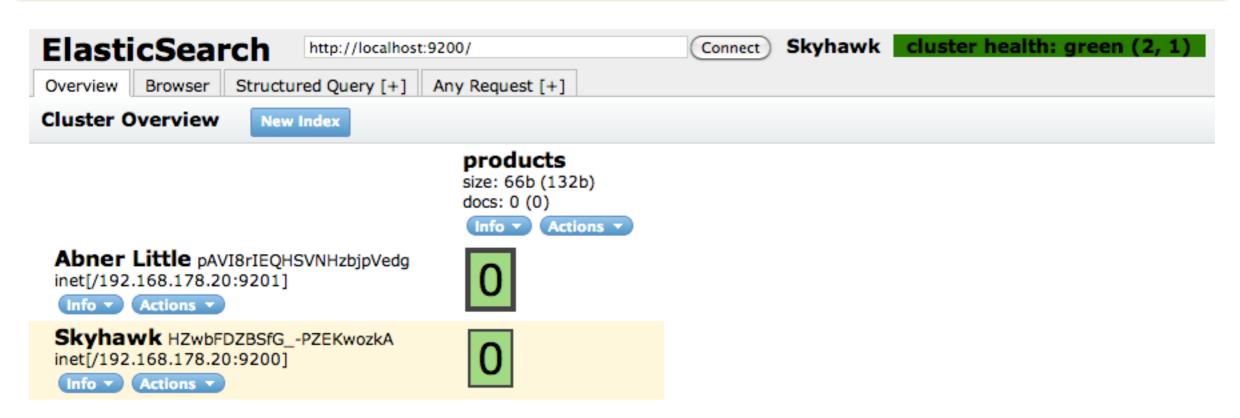
```
curl -X PUT http://localhost:9200/products -d '{
    "settings" : {
        "index" : {
            "number_of_shards" : "5",
            "number_of_replicas" : "0"
        }
    }
}'
```



Replication



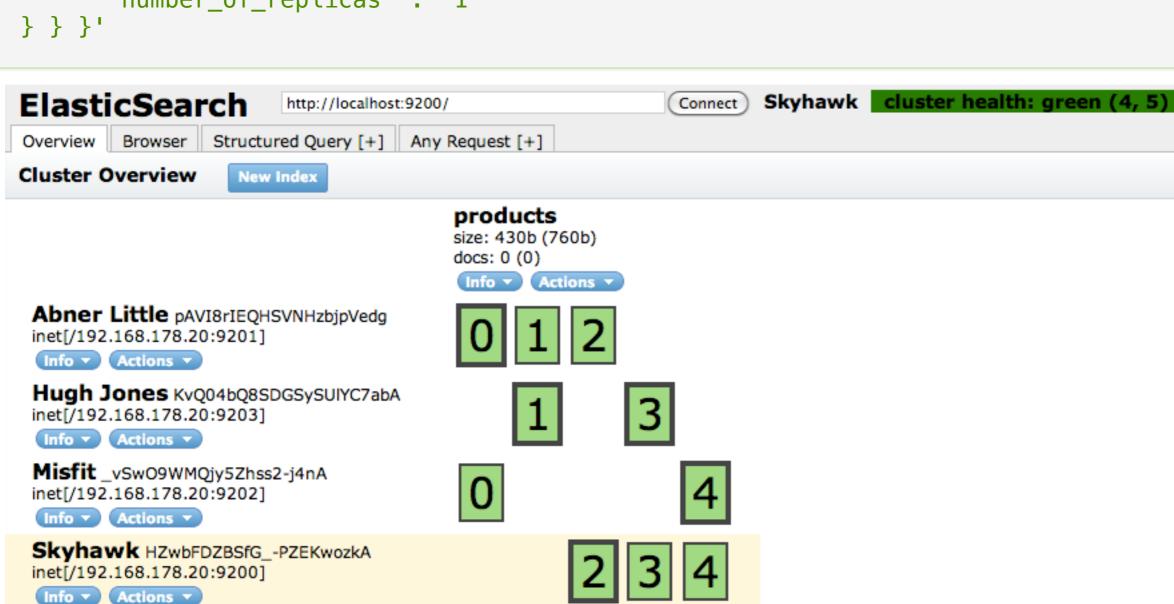
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curl -X PUT http://localhost:9200/products -d '{
    "settings" : {
        "index" : {
            "number_of_shards" : "1",
            "number_of_replicas" : "1"
        }
    }
}'
```



Replication & sharding



```
curl -X PUT http://localhost:9200/products -d '{ "settings" : {
    "index" : {
        "number_of_shards" : "5",
        "number_of_replicas" : "1"
} } }'
```





Plugins & Clients

Pluggable architecture



- Modularized architecture
- Plugins are simple zip files with a predefined layout
- Different plugin use-cases
 - Lucene features
 - Monitoring
 - Scripting languages
 - Rivers
 - Transport
 - Discovery
 - Field types, facet types

Clients & Integrations



- Tons of languages supported already (thanks to HTTP)
 - Perl, Python, Ruby, PHP, JavaScript, .NET, Scala, Clojure, Erlang
- Lots integrations available
 - Grails, Play Framework (1,2), Spring, TerraStore
 - Django, Haystack, Catalyst, Node, Mongoose
 - Wordpress, Drupal, Symfony2, CakePHP
 - Nagios, Munin, collectd, MCollective, chef

Roadmap



- Current stable version: Elasticsearch 0.20.5
- Elasticsearch 0.90 RCI available (with Lucene 4.2)
 - Test it, we are happy to get feedback!
- Restore/Snapshot feature before 1.0



Thanks!

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