

Multilingual Search Support in European E-commerce: A Journey with Apache Lucene

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- 2024 - ...

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Apache Lucene - 22 years and counting



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Lucene's FuzzyQuery is 100 times faster!
blog.mikemccandless.com/2011/03/lucene...

9:58 PM · Mar 24, 2011



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...

Mike McCandless talks about **#Apache #Lucene** that helps to squash
#Java #JVM bugs: elastic.co/blog/lucene-jv...

9:45 PM · Jul 17, 2015 from Bremen, Germany



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...

#Apache #Lucene can much faster execute kNN vector queries by calculating dot products / cosine distances using SIMD instructions on AVX2 (x86) and NEON (ARM). It will only work with **#Java20** on coming Lucene 9.7 with "--add-modules jdk.incubator.vector":

apache/lucene

#12311 Integrate the Incubating Panama Vector API

...

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ChrisHegarty · May 18, 2023 · 59 commits

github.com

Integrate the Incubating Panama Vector API by ChrisHegarty · Pull Request #...

Leverage accelerated vector hardware instructions in Vector Search. Lucene already has a mechanism that enables the use of non-final JDK APIs, currentl...

I ran some benchmarks between Lucene 9.7 and 9.8 (soon to be released), as well as with recursive graph partitioning enabled (-bp): jpountz.github.io/lucene-9.7-vs-.... There's a nice speedup on 9.8 alone, and then recursive graph bisection gives another great speedup.

11:46 PM · Sep 13, 2023 · 3,107 Views

2031 at Berlin Buzzwords

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What's coming next with Apache Lucene?

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Below the video area, there are several logos: SD data solutions, PANGAEA, and another logo that is partially obscured. At the bottom of the video player, there are standard YouTube controls for play/pause, volume, and progress.

Uwe Schindler – What's coming next with Apache Lucene?



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Thanks to Apache Lucene

Apache Nutch – provides web crawling and HTML parsing

Apache Solr – an enterprise search server

Elasticsearch – an enterprise search server released in 2010

MongoDB Atlas Search – a cloud-native enterprise search application based on MongoDB and Apache Lucene

OpenSearch – an open source enterprise search server based on a fork of Elasticsearch 7

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Multilingual Search Support in European E-commerce: A Journey with Apache Lucene

- Lucene levers for processing linguistic specificities
- Tips, tricks, caveats and hacks
- E-commerce specific use cases
- Dealing with person names specific use cases
- Language specific libraries and optimizations
- Getting things done in production today

European languages





Casal Sport

ElectricalDirect

Ikaros Cleantech
(Sweden)

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2201 RESULTATS TROUVÉS

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▼ Type client

- Prospect (1647)
- Client (397)
- Ancien client (157)

▼ Nature personne

- Particulier (1939)
- Professionnel (116)
- Entreprise (114)
- Autre (28)
- Copropriété (3)
- Association (1)

Afficher résultats par page1 2 ... 221

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1786 Results



Language

- English 1736
- French 30
- zh 12
- pt 7
- ko 1

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- Il y a une session sur les nouvelles fonctionnalités du client Python Elasticsearch. Pour plus d'infos, [cliquez ici](#).



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MissingRequiredPropertyException in a response | Elasticsearch Java API Client [7.17] | Elastic | missing-required-property.html

A newer version is available. For the latest information, see the current release documentation. Elastic Docs > Elasticsearch Java API Client [7.17] > Troubleshooting > TroubleshootingNoSuchMethodError RequestOptions\$Builder.removeHeader when creating a client > MissingRequiredPropertyException in a respons ...



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Lucene text analysis

Index time

Input documents →

Id	Nom
1	Céline
2	Celia

Ascii folding →

Celine, Celia

Lowercase →

celine, celia

Search time

← Search term

Nom
CÉLINE

CELINE ← Ascii folding

celine ← Lowercase

Index

Key	Document id
celine	1
celia	2

Lucene text analysis

Index time

Input document →

Id	Nom
1	I'm a developer in Berlin
2	She develops software

Lowercase →

i'm a developer in berlin
she develops software

Stop →

i'm developer berlin
she develops software

Stemmer →

i'm develop berlin
she develop softwar

Index

Key	Document id
softwar	2
develop	2
...	...

Search time

← Search term

Nom
Software Development

software development ← Lowercase

software development ← Stop

softwar develop ← Stemmer

_analyze API (Elasticsearch and OpenSearch)

```
GET _analyze
{
  "text": [
    "I'm a developer in Berlin"
  ],
  "tokenizer": "standard",
  "filter": [
    "lowercase",
    {
      "type": "stop",
      "stopwords": "_english_"
    },
    {
      "type": "stemmer",
      "language": "english"
    }
  ]
}
```

```
"tokens": [
  {
    "token": "i'm",
    "start_offset": 0,
    "end_offset": 3,
    "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
    "position": 0
  },
  {
    "token": "develop",
    "start_offset": 6,
    "end_offset": 15,
    "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
    "position": 2
  },
  {
    "token": "berlin",
    "start_offset": 19,
    "end_offset": 25,
    "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
    "position": 4
  }
]
```

Analysis menu in the Solr Admin dashboard

The screenshot shows the Solr Admin interface with the Analysis menu selected. The left sidebar includes options like Logout solr, Dashboard, Logging, Security, Cloud, Schema Designer, Collections, Java Properties, Thread Dump, Suggestions, alias, Overview, Analysis (which is highlighted), Dataimport, Documents, Files, Query, Stream, and Schema. A Core Selector dropdown is at the bottom.

The main area displays two analysis results:

Field Value (Index)			Field Value (Query)		
Berlin			Paris		
Analyse Fieldname / FieldType: title			Schema Browser		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verbose Output <button>Analyse Values</button>		
ST	text	Berlin	ST	text	Paris
	raw_bytes	[42 65 72 6c 69 6e]		raw_bytes	[50 61 72 69 73]
	start	0		start	0
	end	6		end	5
	positionLength	1		positionLength	1
	type	<ALPHANUM>		type	<ALPHANUM>
	termFrequency	1		termFrequency	1
	position	1		position	1
SE	text	Berlin	SE	text	Paris
	raw_bytes	[42 65 72 6c 69 6e]		raw_bytes	[50 61 72 69 73]
	start	0		start	0
	end	6		end	5
	positionLength	1		positionLength	1
	type	<ALPHANUM>		type	<ALPHANUM>
	termFrequency	1		termFrequency	1
	position	1		position	1
LCF	text	berlin	SGF	text	Paris
	raw_bytes	[62 65 72 6c 69 6e]		raw_bytes	[50 61 72 69 73]
	start	0		start	0
	end	6		end	5
	positionLength	1		positionLength	1
	type	<ALPHANUM>		type	<ALPHANUM>
	termFrequency	1		termFrequency	1
	position	1		position	1
LCF	text	paris	LCF	text	Paris
	raw_bytes	[70 61 72 69 73]		raw_bytes	[50 61 72 69 73]
	start	0		start	0

Language analyzers - the simple (and wrong) solution

Language analyzer

OpenSearch supports the following language values with the `analyzer` option: `arabic`, `armenian`, `basque`, `bengali`, `brazilian`, `bulgarian`, `catalan`, `czech`, `danish`, `dutch`, `english`, `estonian`, `finnish`, `french`, `galician`, `german`, `greek`, `hindi`, `hungarian`, `indonesian`, `irish`, `italian`, `latvian`, `lithuanian`, `norwegian`, `persian`, `portuguese`, `romanian`, `russian`, `sorani`, `spanish`, `swedish`, `turkish`, and `thai`.

To use the analyzer when you map an index, specify the value within your query. For example, to map your index with the French language analyzer, specify the `french` value for the analyzer field:

```
"analyzer": "french"
```

<https://opensearch.org/docs/latest/analyzers/language-analyzers/>

<https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/8.7/analysis-lang-analyzer.html>

Stemming

- Lemma : canonical form - dictionary (développeuse → développer)
- Stem : reduced form - algorithmical (développeuse → developeu)
- Stemming is faster and shipped out of the box
- Lemmatization may require a license
- Stemming is largely recommended by Elastic
 - <https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/8.7/stemming.html#dictionary-stemmers>
 - <https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/8.7/stemming.html#algorithmic-stemmers>

But stemming is not perfect

Brands (Gilette = gilet, Barbie = barbe with the light_french stemmer)

Technical limitations (travail = travail, travaux = traval with the light_french stemmer)

Irregular words

Similar spelling (broker = broken)

493 résultats pour "gilette", Voulez vous rechercher [gilet](#) ou [galette](#) ou [galettes](#) ?

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 Manutan Gilet haute visibilité - Manutan 3.75€ HT l'unité	 Portwest Gilet haute visibilité réversible orange - Portwest 70.90€ HT l'unité	 Blaklader Gilet haute visibilité fluorescent 22.90€ HT l'unité	 Portwest Gilet haute visibilité Executive Berlin jaune - Portwest 56.75€ HT l'unité
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2 résultats pour "barbie", Voulez vous rechercher [barre](#) ou [baie](#) ou [baril](#) ?

Trier par : Pertinence Prix

 Lot de 25 batonnets pour machine barbe à papa - Scrapcooking 34.50€ HT l'unité	 MP Hygiene Cache barbe jetable 4.35€ HT l'unité
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Details of the convenience language analyzers

```
"analyzer": {  
    "rebuilt_german": {  
        "tokenizer": "standard",  
        "filter": [  
            "lowercase",  
            "german_stop",  
            "german_keywords",  
            "german_normalization",  
            "german_stemmer"  
        ]  
    }  
}
```

```
        "filter": {  
            "german_stop": {  
                "type": "stop",  
                "stopwords": " german "  
            },  
            "german_keywords": {  
                "type": "keyword_marker",  
                "keywords": ["Beispiel"]  
            },  
            "german_stemmer": {  
                "type": "stemmer",  
                "language": "light_german"  
            }  
        }
```

Lucene levers for algorithmic stemmers

Protected words and stemmer override

- Keyword marker
- Stemmer override

And also

- Conditional token filter
- stem_exclusion parameter for language analyzers

Keyword marker

```
GET /_analyze
{
  "tokenizer": "standard",
  "filter": [
    {
      "type": "stop",
      "ignore_case": true,
      "stopwords": [
        "_french_"
      ]
    },
    {
      "type": "stemmer",
      "language": "light_french"
    },
    "lowercase"
  ],
  "text": "Barbie barbe, Gilette gilet, La Croix croissant"
}
```

```
{
  "tokens": [
    {
      "token": "barb",
      "start_offset": 0,
      "end_offset": 6,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 0
    },
    {
      "token": "barb",
      "start_offset": 7,
      "end_offset": 12,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 1
    },
    {
      "token": "gilet",
      "start_offset": 14,
      "end_offset": 21,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 2
    },
    {
      "token": "gilet",
      "start_offset": 22,
      "end_offset": 27,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 3
    },
    {
      "token": "croi",
      "start_offset": 32,
      "end_offset": 37,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 5
    },
    {
      "token": "croi",
      "start_offset": 38,
      "end_offset": 47,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 6
    }
  ]
}
```

Keyword marker

```
GET /_analyze
{
  "tokenizer": "standard",
  "filter": [
    {
      "type": "stop",
      "ignore_case": true,
      "stopwords": [
        "_french_"
      ]
    },
    {
      "type": "keyword_marker",
      "keywords": [
        "Barbie",
        "Gilette",
        "La Croix"
      ],
      "ignore_case": true
    },
    {
      "type": "stemmer",
      "language": "light_french"
    },
    "lowercase"
  ],
  "text": "Barbie barbe, Gilette gilet, La Croix croissant"
}
```

```
{
  "tokens": [
    {
      "token": "barbie",
      "start_offset": 0,
      "end_offset": 6,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 0
    },
    {
      "token": "barb",
      "start_offset": 7,
      "end_offset": 12,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 1
    },
    {
      "token": "gilette",
      "start_offset": 14,
      "end_offset": 21,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 2
    },
    {
      "token": "gilet",
      "start_offset": 22,
      "end_offset": 27,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 3
    },
    {
      "token": "croi",
      "start_offset": 32,
      "end_offset": 37,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 5
    },
    {
      "token": "croi",
      "start_offset": 38,
      "end_offset": 47,
      "type": "<ALPHANUM>",
      "position": 6
    }
  ]
}
```

Stemmer override

```
PUT /my-index-000001
{
  "settings": {
    "analysis": {
      "analyzer": {
        "my_analyzer": {
          "tokenizer": "standard",
          "filter": [ "lowercase", "custom_stems", "porter_stem" ]
        }
      },
      "filter": {
        "custom_stems": {
          "type": "stemmer_override",
          "rules": [
            "running, runs => run",
            "stemmer => stemmer"
          ]
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Dictionary stemmers

- Well suited for
 - Stemming irregular words
 - Discerning between words that are spelled similarly but not related conceptually (broker // broken)
- In practice
 - Algorithmic stemmers typically outperform dictionary stemmers (via Elastic)
<https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/8.7/stemming.html#dictionary-stemmers>
 - Dictionary quality
 - Size and performance

Lemmatization in e-commerce

- Performs better than stemming if ...
- You have a custom dictionary
- Example for French

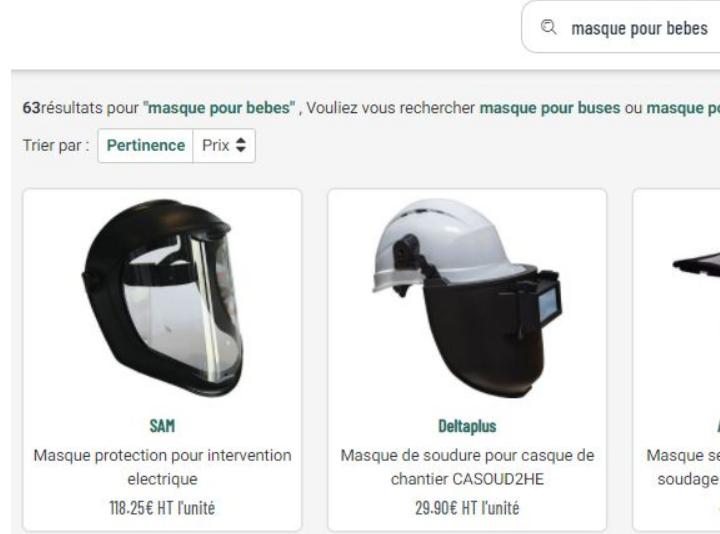
```
"lemmagen_fr" : {  
    "type" : "lemmagen",  
    "lexicon" : "fr"  
}
```

<https://github.com/adelean/elasticsearch-analysis-lemmagen>

- IMPORTANT! - see License chapter.
(<https://github.com/hlavki/jlemmagen#markdown-header-license>)

Stop words

- Exemples: the, in, a, for, ...
- Side effects when words are not removed :
 - “case for xylophone” should return zero results but might return “case for ...” if a rule like « 2<70% » was used for minimum_should_match
 - another example (French) : « masque pour bébés »
- Issues with the default Elasticsearch implementation
 - Documented here : [Meetup ElasticFR #61 - Transition du filtre Synonym vers SynonymGraph - YouTube](#) and here: [Bug: When using graph synonym and stop token filter together · Issue #28838 · elastic/elasticsearch · GitHub](#)
 - Workaround : implementing stop words like char_filter



Issues with stopwords and graphs in detail

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player with a presentation slide. The slide has a blue header with the Elastic logo and a user icon. The main content area contains the following text:
Transition du filtre
Synonym vers SynonymGraph
06/05/2021
A circular profile picture of Vincent Bosc is shown, along with his name and title: "Vincent Bosc Développeur Java Séniior adelean EXTRACT TRANSFORM SEARCH".
The YouTube interface includes a search bar, a video progress bar at 1:40 / 39:29, and standard video control buttons (play, volume, etc.). Below the video player, the text "Meetup ElasticFR #61 - Transition du filtre Synonym vers SynonymGraph" is visible.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcjmhkeQt-I>



Stop words

Contournement : implementer les stop words comme char_filter :

```
"mdf_stop_words": {  
    "type": "pattern_replace",  
    "pattern":  
        "(\s|^|\.\|-|,)(de|la|des|du|pour|le|les|un|une|au|et)(  
        ?=\s|\$|\.\|-|,)",  
    "replacement": " ",  
    "flags": "CASE_INSENSITIVE"  
}
```

Searching for phrases: detecting the most important word

- orange à jus  versus jus d'orange 
- The problem:
 - when searching for a single word (ex. oranges) : making sure that the right products pop up first
 - when searching for a phrase and getting zero results : making sure the new search is launched with the most meaningful word
- Simple hack for Latin languages:
 - The most important word is always the first word 

The problem with oranges

Accueil > oranges

Promo (48) Affiner par rayon Bio (9) Marque TRIER PAR

Ma recherche : "oranges" 107 résultats trouvés

 ORIGINE C.E.E.	 ESPAGNE	 ESPAGNE	 PRENEZ EN 3 = PAYEZ EN 2	 2=10%, 3=15%, 4=20%
Orange Navel Cat.1 Cal.43319 Carrefour le filet de 750g 0,99€ 1.32 € / Kilogramme	Oranges à dessert Navel Cat.1 le filet de 2 kg 2,79€ 1.40 € / Kilogramme	Oranges à jus Salustiana Cat.1 le filet de 2 kg 2,99€ 1.50 € / Kilogramme	Jus d'orange avec pulpe Tropicana la bouteille de 2L 3,49€ 1.75 € / L	Jus d'orange pulpé Carrefour la brique de 2L 2,67€ 1.34 € / L
				

The problem, explained

The screenshot shows the Kibana Dev Tools Console interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for Discover, Visualize, Dashboard, Timelion, Dev Tools (which is selected), and Management. The main area has tabs for Dev Tools and Console. In the Dev Tools tab, there's a code editor with the following Elasticsearch query:

```
21 }  
22 }  
23 }  
24  
25 PUT orange_test/product/2  
26 {  
27   "title" : "jus d'orange"  
28 }  
29  
30 PUT orange_test/product/1  
31 {  
32   "title" : "oranges à jus"  
33 }  
34  
35 GET orange_test/_analyze  
36 {  
37   "field" : "title",  
38   "text" : "oranges à jus"  
39 }  
40  
41 GET orange_test/_analyze  
42 {  
43   "field" : "title",  
44   "text" : "jus d'orange"  
45 }  
46  
47 GET orange_test/_search  
48 {  
49   "query": {  
50     "match_all": {}  
51   }  
52 }  
53  
54 GET orange_test/_search  
55 {  
56   "explain": true,  
57   "query": {  
58     "multi_match": {  
59       "query": "oranges",  
60       "fields": [  
61         "title"  
62       ]  
63     }  
64   }  
65 }  
66
```

On the right, the results of the last query (line 54) are displayed:

```
1 {  
2   "took": 2,  
3   "timed_out": false,  
4   "_shards": {  
5     "total": 1,  
6     "successful": 1,  
7     "skipped": 0,  
8     "failed": 0  
9   },  
10  "hits": {  
11    "total": 2,  
12    "max_score": 0.18232156,  
13    "hits": [  
14      {  
15        "_shard": "[orange_test][0]",  
16        "_node": "ZudBSFc3THeBnHTDet7bBQ",  
17        "_index": "orange_test",  
18        "_type": "product",  
19        "_id": "2",  
20        "_score": 0.18232156,  
21        "_source": {  
22          "title": "jus d'orange"  
23        },  
24        "_explanation": {  
25          "value": 0.18232156,  
26          "description": "weight(title:orang in 0) [PerFieldSimilarity], result of:",  
27          "details": [  
28            {  
29              "value": 0.18232156,  
30              "description": "score(doc=0,freq=1.0 = termFreq=1.0\\n), product of:",  
31              "details": [  
32                {  
33                  "value": 0.18232156,  
34                  "description": "idf, computed as log(1 + (docCount - docFreq + 0.5) / (docFreq + 0.5)) from:",  
35                }  
36              }  
37            }  
38          }  
39        }  
40      },  
41      {  
42        "_shard": "[orange_test][0]",  
43        "_node": "ZudBSFc3THeBnHTDet7bBQ",  
44        "_index": "orange_test",  
45        "_type": "product",  
46        "_id": "1",  
47        "_score": 0.18232156,  
48        "_source": {  
49          "title": "oranges à jus"  
50        },  
51        "_explanation": {  
52          "value": 0.18232156,  
53          "description": "weight(title:oranges à jus in 0) [PerFieldSimilarity], result of:",  
54          "details": [  
55            {  
56              "value": 0.18232156,  
57              "description": "score(doc=0,freq=1.0 = termFreq=1.0\\n), product of:",  
58              "details": [  
59                {  
60                  "value": 0.18232156,  
61                  "description": "idf, computed as log(1 + (docCount - docFreq + 0.5) / (docFreq + 0.5)) from:",  
62                }  
63              }  
64            }  
65          }  
66        }  
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The results show two documents with scores of 0.18232156. The first document is identified by its ID (2) and title (jus d'orange). The second document is also identified by its ID (1) and title (oranges à jus). The explanation for the score includes details about the weight of the title field and the computation of the idf value.

The solution

The screenshot shows the Algolia Indices interface for the 'getstarted_actors' index. The top navigation bar includes 'Indices' (highlighted in blue), 'getstarted_actors', and buttons for 'New Index' and 'Manage Current Index'. Below the navigation is a toolbar with icons for 'PLAY', 'QUERY RULES', 'REPLICAS', 'LOGS', 'STATS', and 'UI DEMOS'. A sidebar on the left titled 'searchableAttributes' provides instructions on ranking attributes by importance and a tip about comma-separated values. It also highlights the 'THE → ORDERED OPTION' and the 'Unordered' option. The main content area lists attributes: 'name' and 'alternative_name', each with an '→ ORDERED' button. At the bottom is a button to 'ADD A SEARCHABLE ATTRIBUTE'.

Indices > getstarted_actors

NEW INDEX

MANAGE CURRENT INDEX ▾

searchableAttributes

List of attributes you want to search in. For ranking purpose, you must order added attributes from the most to the least important.

Tip: If you want to give the same ranking priority to several attributes, just put them on the same line, separated by a comma.

THE → ORDERED OPTION

By default, matches at the beginning of an attribute end up with a better rank than the ones at the middle/end of it: the query "iPhone", "iPhone 6S" will be sorted before "Case for iPhone". You can disable this behavior by selecting the Unordered option.

(ordered by importance)

name

→ ORDERED

alternative_name

→ ORDERED

ADD A SEARCHABLE ATTRIBUTE

List of attributes you want to search in. Order them by importance, with the most important on top.

Need help? →

The solution with Apache Lucene (via Adelean a2)

Searchable fields

ENREG.

Ajouter un nouveau champ de recherche :

Nom du champ +

Hierarchies.Nationale.Level1.Level... 3

Hierarchies.Nationale.Level1.Level... 3

Hierarchies.Nationale.Level1.Level... 3

brandName 2

pdctProductSubBrand 2

productSimpleView.origin 1

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Est une référence ?

Peut être cherché ?

Pondération 80

Recherche approximative

Entête Pondération en entête

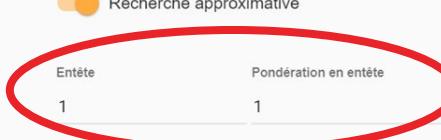
1 1

Phrase Pondération en phrase

2 0,5

Langue Pondération de la lan...

french 2



The solution with Apache Lucene (via Adelean a2)

oranges X Entrez un produit

RECHERCHE

Voulez-vous dire **orange oranger orange** ?

332 résultats en 183 ms Afficher 10 par page Trier par Pertinence Score : 2.59362

1 alcohol_by_volume_label - assortiments.assortiment.AssortStartDate - 2017-07-01 ean - 300000034460 eligibleProduct - true ES_SansGluten - false flagAOP - false flagDeconseilleFemmesEnceintes - false flagEngagementQualCarrefour - false flagHalal - false flagIGP - false flagLabelRouge - false flagSpecialiteTradGarant

2 alcohol_by_volume_label - assortiments.assortiment.AssortStartDate - 2016-03-01 ean - 3276552299644 eligibleProduct - true ES_SansGluten - false flagAOP - false flagDeconseilleFemmesEnceintes - false flagEngagementQualCarrefour - false flagHalal - false flagIGP - false flagLabelRouge - false flagSpecialiteTradGarant

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4 alcohol_by_volume_label - assortiments.assortiment.AssortStartDate - 2017-10-01 ean - 3276552299347 eligibleProduct - true ES_SansGluten - false flagAOP - false flagDeconseilleFemmesEnceintes - false flagEngagementQualCarrefour - false flagHalal - false flagIGP - false flagLabelRouge - false flagSpecialiteTradGarant

alcohol_by_volume_label - assortiments.assortiment.AssortStartDate - 2018-01-01

Score : 2.59362

2.59362 - f(x) 1 MODIFIER

2.59362 - max(a, b)

2.58482 - \sum

0.70143 - \prod

5.26071 - Δ

0.06536 - Δ

functionalName.value.simple:oranges^2.0

5.19536 - Δ

pdtProductNature.value.simple:oranges^80.0

0.13333 - coord(2/12)

0.77063 - \sum

0.00294 - \prod

0.00588 - \sum

0.00588 - Δ

functionalName.value.first:orang^0.2

0.50000 - coord(1/2)

0.76769 - \prod

1.11276 - |||

2.59362 - Σ

Promo

RD_CRESCENDO (67)

RI (22)

RD (2)

PROMO (1)

PF (1)

Affiner par rayon

Fruits et Légumes (60)

Crémerie (3)

Suralés (3)

How about non latin languages?

case for *iphone* versus *iphone case*

With our Czech colleagues we produced the following rule (valid for Czech , English  and other similar languages):

Place the accent (boost) on the second word UNLESS the phrase contains one of the connecting particles (for, about, on, to, etc. - *specific list to be given in the Business Console for each language*)

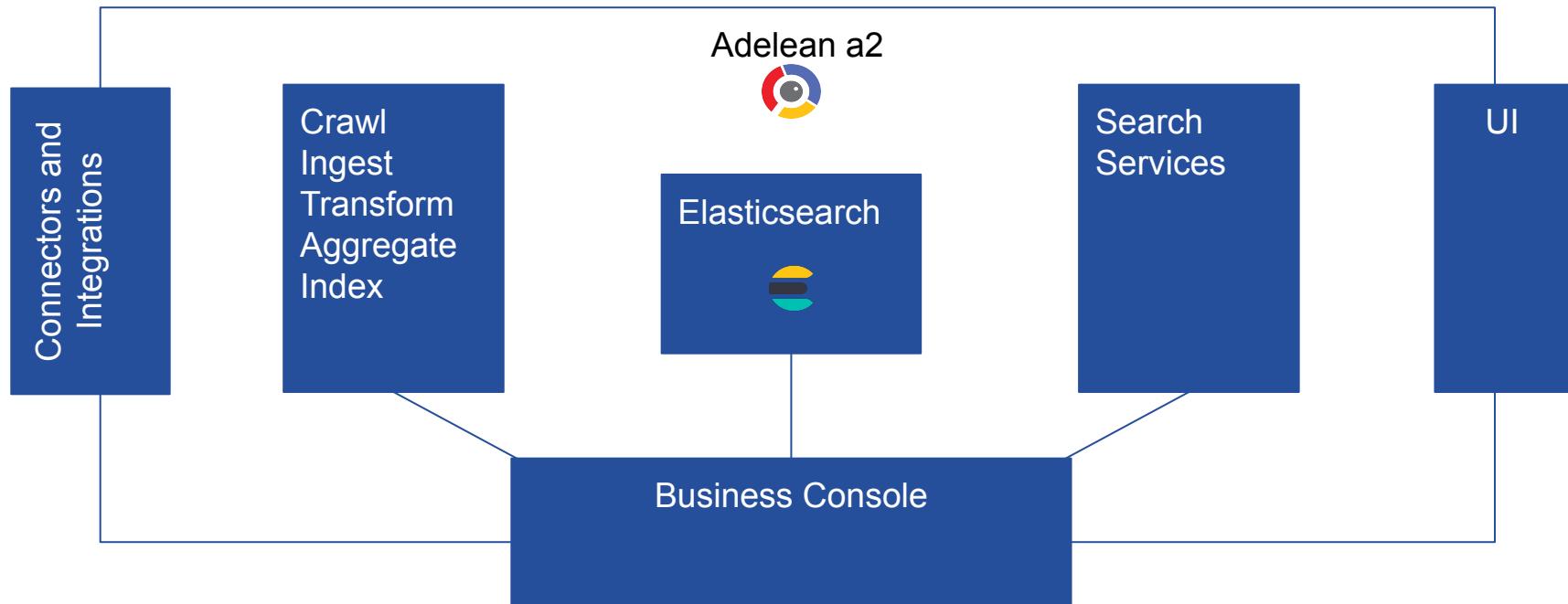
boxy na zavěšení

boxy - boxes - main subject

na - for - particle

zavešení - hanging - use

The Business Console, window to Lucene config



Business Console

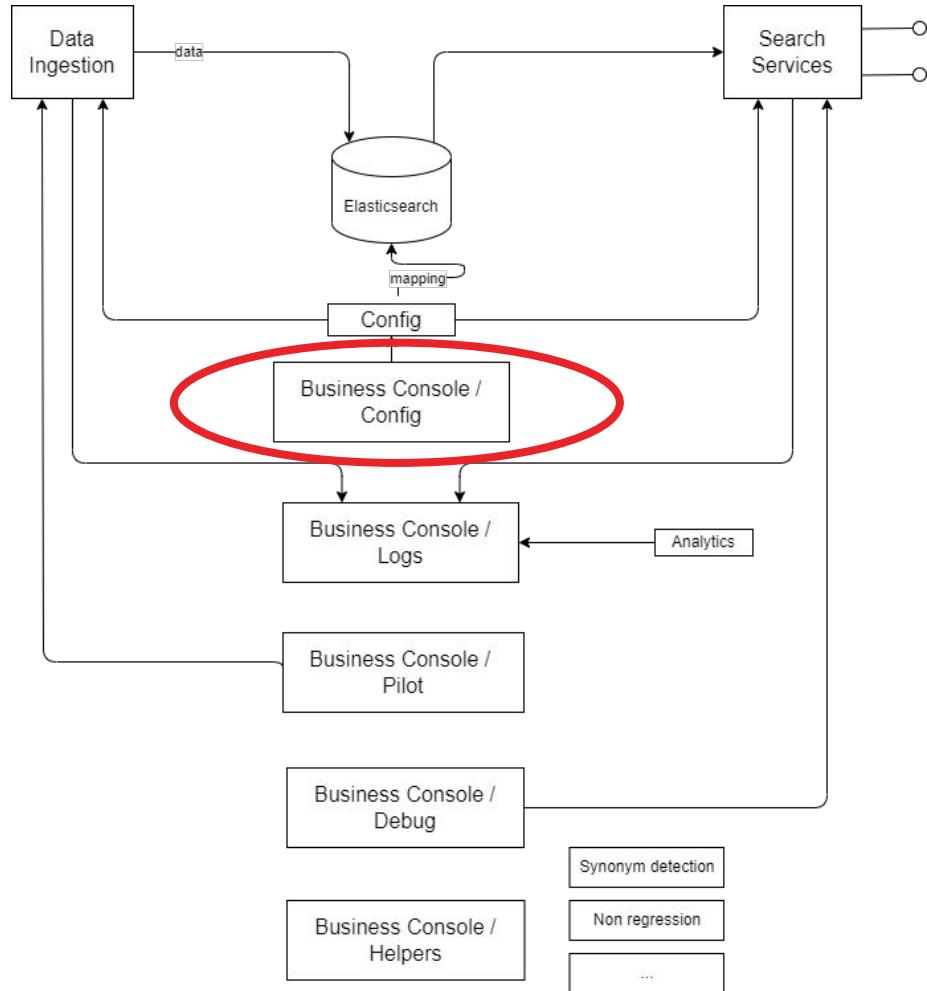
Monitoring tools

Actions and configurations

Merchandising

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<https://all.site/management/>



OBSERVE

Dashboard

ENHANCE

- Synonyms
- Landing page
- Replacements
- Stop words
- Protected words

Search for a search term



Search terms	Number of search queries	Exit rate after a search	Refinement rate	Number of search results	Status
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security shoes	[]	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	No rule	Add rule
anti-slip adhesive tape for stairs	[]	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	No rule	Add rule
rack for jars	[]	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	No rule	Add rule
adi blu	[]	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	No rule	Add rule
warehouse broom	[]	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	No rule	Add rule
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warehouse broom	[]	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	Value ↑ 0.5%	No rule	Add rule

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MAF >

Log out

But NLP is better at this task

SIMPLE_SENTENCE = "I want to buy an iPhone case";

SIMPLE_PHRASE_WITH_PARTICLE = "case for iPhone";

SIMPLE_PHRASE = "iPhone case";

COMPLEX_SENTENCE = "I want to buy a small orange Apple iPhone case";

COMPLEX_SENTENCE_YELLOW = "I want to buy a small yellow Apple iPhone case";

<https://github.com/adelean/opennlp-learning>

Training data : [opennlp-learning/src/main/resources/en-ner-products.train](https://github.com/adelean/opennlp-learning/blob/main/src/main/resources/en-ner-products.train) at master · adelean/opennlp-learning (github.com) 42



Special use cases - Hungarian

```
"analyzer": {  
    "rebuilt_hungarian": {  
        "tokenizer": "standard",  
        "filter": [  
            "lowercase",  
            "hungarian_stop",  
            "hungarian_keywords",  
            "hungarian_stemmer"  
        ]  
    }  
}
```

```
"analysis": {  
    "filter": {  
        "hungarian_stop": {  
            "type": "stop",  
            "stopwords": " hungarian "  
        },  
        "hungarian_keywords": {  
            "type": "keyword_marker",  
            "keywords": ["példa"]  
        },  
        "hungarian_stemmer": {  
            "type": "stemmer",  
            "language": "hungarian"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Hunspell performs better

Special use cases - Hungarian

Hunspell token filter

Provides [dictionary stemming](#) based on a provided [Hunspell dictionary](#). The `hunspell` filter requires [configuration](#) of one or more language-specific Hunspell dictionaries.

This filter uses Lucene's [HunspellStemFilter](#).



If available, we recommend trying an algorithmic stemmer for your language before using the `hunspell` token filter. In practice, algorithmic stemmers typically outperform dictionary stemmers.
[See Dictionary stemmers.](#)

However, `hunspell` performs better for Hungarian 😊
Dictionaries (in [LibreOffice](#), [LibreOffice extensions](#), [Mozilla Add-Ons](#))

Special use cases - how about Finnish ?

lentokonesuihkuturbiinimoottoriapumekaanikkoaliupseerioppilas

"airplane jet turbine engine auxiliary mechanic non-commissioned officer student"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Longest_words

Hunspell does not perform well for Finnish

Voikko Analysis for Elasticsearch

<https://github.com/EvidentSolutions/elasticsearch-analysis-voikko> deprecated

Raudikko Analysis for Elasticsearch

<https://github.com/EvidentSolutions/elasticsearch-analysis-raudikko> works with
Elasticsearch 8.x

Raudikko Analysis for Elasticsearch

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Parameter	Default value	Description
analyzeAll	true	Use all analysis possibilities or just the first
splitCompoundWords	false	Split analysed compound words to its parts
minimumWordSize	3	minimum length of words to analyze
maximumWordSize	100	maximum length of words to analyze
analysisCacheSize	1024	number of analysis results to cache

Searching for names in a multi-language context

Phonetic analysis plugin

<https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/plugins/8.7/analysis-phonetic.html>: brings too much noise

- Madonna → MTN
- mouton → MTN

Alternative : IPA or ARPAbet encoding

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Phonetic_Alphabet
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ARPABET>

What is language...



Berlin Buzzwords: b3l'In b'ʌzw3dz

Tour Eiffel: tuʁ εfɛl

Berliner Fernsehturm : b3ə-'li:-uə 'fɛn-ze:-tuʁm

Berlin Buzzwords: B ER L IH N B AH Z W ER D Z

Tour Eiffel: T UW R EH F EH L

Berliner Fernsehturm : B ER L IH N ER F EH ER N Z EH T UH R M

ARPAbet encoding

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BZZ/
WIRDS

What is language...

Berlin Buzzwords: bəl'ɪn b'ʌzwədz

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Berliner Fernsehturm : bər'-li:-nə 'fɛn-ze:-tʊrm

Berlin Buzzwords: B ER L IH N B AH Z W ER D Z

Tour Eiffel: T UW R EH F EH L

Berliner Fernsehturm : B ER L IH N ER F EH ER N Z EH T UH R M

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How about compound words?

Solution in two steps:

- 1/ Create a keywords dictionary for auto-completion
- 2/ Also index with ngram
- 3/ Provide a zero results fallback

Step 1 : keywords and key phrases

The screenshot shows a search interface with the query 'armoire' in the search bar. The results are categorized into three sections: 'Produits', 'Catégories', and 'Mots clés'.

- Produits:** A list of products related to 'armoire'. Each item includes an image, the name, a code, and a price.
 - 1 armoire à rideaux en bois (A129088, 529,00 € HT)
 - 2 armoire haute portes battantes (A106922, 435,00 € HT)
 - 3 armoire haute avec réhausse (A141375, 529,00 € HT)
 - Tablettes supplémentaires pour armoire (A745825, 52,90 € HT)
 - 4 armoire haute avec réhausse (A755571, 529,00 € HT)
- Catégories:** A list of categories under 'Armoire'. Each category has an icon and a description.
 - Armoire bois dans Armoire
 - Armoire métal dans Armoire
 - Armoire à compartimentage dans Armoire d'atelier
 - Armoire à portes battantes dans Armoire d'atelier
 - Armoire à portes coulissantes dans Armoire d'atelier
 - Armoire à portes transparentes dans Armoire d'atelier
- Mots clés:** A list of keywords and keyphrases.
 - armoire
 - Armoire et rangement
 - armoire en bois
 - armoire à double portes
 - armoire à battantes

Solution :

- based on auto-completion #3
- separate index with keywords and keyphrases

Problem : how to generate relevant keywords and keyphrases? Especially when the input data is unstructured.

Auto-completion 3: keywords and key phrases

Extract keywords and key phrases from a non-structured text :

- NLP, Machine Learning
- Shingles
- Custom code and usage of analyzers to normalize the data

A community search engine to organize the Internet?

Shingle 2 ⇒ A community, community search, search engine, engine *to, to* organize, organize *the, the* Internet

Shingle 3 ⇒ A community search, community search engine, search engine *to, engine to* organize, *to organize the, organize the* Internet

A story of auto-completions

YouTube DE

Search

Auto-completion 3: keywords and key phrases

Solution : separate index with keywords and keyphrases

Problem : how to generate relevant keywords and keyphrases? Especially when the input data is unstructured.

Products

Catégories

Retra cles

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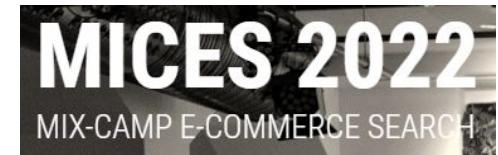
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https://youtu.be/Lo262_tIV9Mt=2114

Step 2: index with ngram

```
"fields" : {  
    "ngram" : {  
        "type" : "text",  
        "store" : true,  
        "term_vector" : "with_positions_offsets",  
        "analyzer" : "a2_ngram"  
    },  
    ...  
}
```

```
"analysis" : {  
    "filter" : {  
        "a2_ngram" : {  
            "type" : "ngram",  
            "min_gram" : "3",  
            "max_gram" : "4"  
        },  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Step 3: Provide a zero results fallback

```
POST _a2/search
{
  "catalog": [
    "hyperu"
  ],
  "text": [
    "tomatecerise"
  ]
}
```

```
{
  "engineTimeInMilis" : 61,
  "queryRelaxing" : {
    "isRelaxed" : true,
    "parameters" : [ {
      "fuzzy" : {
        "fuzziness" : "auto",
        "threshold" : 1,
        "enabledSmartCompletion" : false
      }
    }, {
      "operator" : {
        "operator" : "OR"
      }
    }, {
      "a2_ngram" : {
        "threshold" : 1,
        "enabledSmartCompletion" : false
      }
    } ]
  },
  "sortQuery" : { },
  "alimentaryType" : "ALIMENTARY",
  "facetRankingStrategy" : "defaultStrategy",
  "products" : {
    "totalHits" : 38,
```

Demo in [Dev Tools - Elastic \(adelean.fr\)](#)

Thank you for your attention

Questions / Feedback / More ...

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