

ElasticSearch

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What is ElasticSearch

- Full text search engine
- Document based, schemaless storage
- Uses Lucene Java libraries
- REST/HTTP interface
- Supports clustering out of the box
- Perl interface: ElasticSearch.pm

Installing

```
tar xvfz elasticsearch-0.17.6.tar.gz  
cd elasticsearch-0.17.6  
./bin/elasticsearch -f
```

Configuring ES cluster

- Configuration is in the config/ directory
- If the servers can see each other using multicast, no configuration required

ElasticSearch concepts

- Documents contain fields
- Documents have a type
- Documents are stored in indexes
- Mapping defines how documents are analysed and stored
 - Mappings can be generated automatically

Using Elasticsearch from Perl

- Can list more than one server
- Module will load list of servers in the cluster, and use any of them

```
use Elasticsearch;
my $es = Elasticsearch->new(
    servers => 'localhost:9200',
);
```

Inserting data

```
$es->index(  
  index => 'mythtv',  
  type  => 'program',  
  id    => 'fp.bbc.co.uk/5a72ov',  
  data  => {  
    callsign      => "BBC ONE",  
    category      => "News",  
    channum       => 1,  
    description   => "Detailed weather forecast",  
    endtime       => "2011-07-29 00:40:00",  
    programid     => "fp.bbc.co.uk/5a72ov",  
    starttime     => "2011-07-29 00:35:00",  
    title         => "Holiday Weatherview",  
  }  
);
```

Mappings

- Elasticsearch generates this mapping:

```
{
  "program" : {
    "properties" : {
      "endtime" : { "type" : "string" },
      "starttime" : { "type" : "string" },
      "programid" : { "type" : "string" },
      "callsign" : { "type" : "string" },
      "category" : { "type" : "string" },
      "channum" : { "type" : "string" },
      "title" : { "type" : "string" },
      "description" : { "type" : "string" }
    }
  }
}
```

Override the mapping

```
"program": {
  "properties": {
    "starttime": {
      "type": "date",
      "format": "YYYY-MM-dd HH:mm:ss"
    },
    "callsign": {
      "type": "string",
      "analyzer": "keyword",
    },
    "category": {
      "type": "multi_field",
      "fields": {
        "category": { type: "string" },
        "category_term": {
          "type": "string",
          "index": "not_analyzed"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Fetching an individual document

```
my $data = $es->get(  
    index => 'mythtv',  
    id     => $get_id,  
);
```

returns

```
{  
  _id       => "fp.bbc.co.uk/5a720v",  
  _index    => "mythtv",  
  _source   => {  
    callsign    => "BBC 1 Oxford",  
    category    => "News",  
    description => "Detailed weather forecast",  
    endtime     => "2011-07-29 00:40:00",  
    programid  => "fp.bbc.co.uk/5a720v",  
    starttime  => "2011-07-29 00:35:00",  
    title      => "Holiday Weatherview",  
  },  
  _type     => "program",  
  _version  => 5,  
  exists    => bless(do{\(my $o = 1)}, "JSON::XS::Boolean"),  
}
```

Searching for documents

```
my $data = $es->search(  
  index    => 'mythtv',  
  size    => 5,  
  query    => {  
    query_string => {  
      query    => "Doctor Who",  
    },  
  },  
);
```

Results of a search

```
{
  _shards => { failed => 0, successful => 5, total => 5 },
  hits => {
    hits => [
      {
        _id      => "fp.bbc.co.uk/sq6pm",
        _index   => "mythtv",
        _score   => "1.3216872",
        _source => {
          callsign    => "CBeebies",
          category    => "Kids",
          description => "Featuring Opera Oliver - ...<snip>",
          endtime     => "2011-08-13 07:35:00",
          programid   => "fp.bbc.co.uk/sq6pm",
          starttime   => "2011-08-13 07:20:00",
          title       => "Gigglebiz",
        },
        _type      => "program",
      },
      ( ... snip 4 more hits ... )
    ],
    max_score => "1.3216872",
    total     => 1052,
  },
  timed_out => bless(do{\(my $o = 0)}, "JSON::XS::Boolean"),
  took      => 11,
}
```

Processed results

Got 1052 hits

- 1 (score 1.32): CBeebies: Gigglebizz :Featuring Opera Oliver ...
- 2 (score 1.09): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Sci-fi drama. The Doctor ...
- 3 (score 1.09): BBC THREE: :Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. The...
- 4 (score 1.02): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. When ...
- 5 (score 1.02): BBC HD: The Indian Doctor: Drama about an Indian ...

Searching with highlights

```
my $data = $es->search(
  index    => 'mythtv',
  size     => 5,
  query    => {
    query_string => {
      query      => "Doctor Who",
    },
  },
  highlight => {
    fields => {
      title      => {},
      description => {},
    },
  },
);
```

Highlighted results

```
{
  _id      => "fp.bbc.co.uk/sq6pm",
  _index   => "mythtv",
  _score   => "1.0836935",
  _source  => {
    callsign    => "CBeebies",
    category    => "Kids",
    description  => "Featuring Opera Oliver <snip>",
    endtime     => "2011-08-13 07:35:00",
    programid   => "fp.bbc.co.uk/sq6pm",
    starttime   => "2011-08-13 07:20:00",
    title       => "Gigglebiz",
  },
  _type     => "program",
  highlight => {
    description => [
      "Featuring Opera Oliver - the restaurant owner
      <em>who</em> just loves to sing about his food, and <em>Doctor</em>
      <em>Doctor</em>, <em>who</em> prescribes fun and giggles.",
    ],
  },
},
```

Processed highlights

1 (score 1.08): CBeebies: Gigglebizz: Featuring Opera Oliver - the restaurant owner *who* just loves to sing about his food, and *Doctor* *Doctor*, *who* prescribes fun and giggles.

2 (score 1.02): BBC THREE: *Doctor* *Who*: Science fiction drama. When he follows a Time Lord distress signal, the *Doctor* puts Amy, Rory and his beloved TARDIS in grave danger.

3 (score 1.02): BBC HD: The Indian *Doctor*: Drama about an Indian *doctor* *who* moves to a Welsh mining village in 1963. The doctor's friendship

4 (score 1.02): BBC THREE: *Doctor* *Who*: Science fiction drama. The *Doctor*, Amy and Rory must solve the mystery of the disappearance of a pirate crew at the hands of a beautiful Siren.

5 (score 1.00): BBC THREE: *Doctor* *Who*: Sci-fi drama. The *Doctor* and his friends are reunited in Utah, and are enlisted by President Nixon to save a terrified girl from a mysterious spaceman.

Asking for an explanation

```
index    => 'mythtv',
size     => 5,
explain => 1,
query    => {
    query_string => {
        query     => "Doctor Who",
    },
},
highlight => {
    fields   => {
        title       => {},
        description => {},
    },
},
}
```

Explained results

```
{
  _explanation => {
    description => "sum of:",
    details => [
      {
        description => "weight(_all:doctor in 262), product of:",
        details => [
          {
            description => "queryWeight(_all:doctor), product of:",
            details => [
              {
                description => "idf(_all: doctor=15)", value => "6.0089674" },
              {
                description => "queryNorm", value => "0.14418285" },
            ],
            value => "0.86639005",
          },
          {
            description => "fieldWeight(_all:doctor in 262), product of:",
            details => [
              {
                description => "btq, product of:",
                details => [
                  {
                    description => "tf(phraseFreq=1.0)", value => 1 },
                  {
                    description => "allPayload(...)", value => 1 },
                ],
                value => 1,
              },
              {
                description => "idf(_all: doctor=15)", value => "6.0089674" },
              {
                description => "fieldNorm(field=_all, doc=262)", value => "0.15625" },
            ],
            value => "0.9389012",
          },
        ],
        value => "0.8134546",
      },
      {
        description => "weight(_all:who in 262), product of:",
        details => [
          {
            description => "queryWeight(_all:who), product of:",
            details => [
              {
                description => "idf(_all: who=203)", value => "3.463436" },
              {
                description => "queryNorm", value => "0.14418285" },
            ],
            value => "0.49936804",
          },
          {
            description => "fieldWeight(_all:who in 262), product of:",
            details => [
              {
                description => "btq, product of:",
                details => [
                  {
                    description => "tf(phraseFreq=1.0)", value => 1 },
                  {
                    description => "allPayload(...)", value => 1 },
                ],
                value => 1,
              },
              {
                description => "idf(_all: who=203)", value => "3.463436" },
              {
                description => "fieldNorm(field=_all, doc=262)", value => "0.15625" },
            ],
            value => "0.54116184",
          },
        ],
        value => "0.27023894",
      },
    ],
    value => "1.0836935",
  },
  _id => "fp.bbc.co.uk/sq6pm",
  _index => "mythtv",
  _node => "UUX1sqZSR70hB4y2erH45g",
  _score => "1.0836935",
  _shard => 1,
  _source => {
    callsign => "CBeebies",
    category => "Kids",
    description => "Featuring Opera Oliver - the restaurant owner who just loves to sing about his food, and Doctor Doctor, who prescribes fun and giggles.",
    endtime => "2011-08-13 07:35:00",
    programid => "fp.bbc.co.uk/sq6pm",
    starttime => "2011-08-13 07:20:00",
    title => "Gigglebiz",
  },
  _type => "program",
  highlight => {
    description => [
      "Featuring Opera Oliver - the restaurant owner <em>who</em> just loves to sing about his food, and <em>Doctor</em> <em>Doctor</em>, <em>who</em> prescribes fun and giggles.",
    ],
  },
},
},
```

Optimising the query

```
my $data = $es->search(  
  index    => 'mythtv',  
  size    => 5,  
  query    => {  
    query_string => {  
      query      => "Doctor Who",  
      fields     => [ 'title^3', 'description' ],  
      use_dis_max => 1,  
    },  
  }  
);
```

Better results

Got 1052 hits

1 (score 6.68): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. When he follows a Time Lord distress signal, the Doctor puts Amy, Rory and his beloved TARDIS in grave danger.

2 (score 6.50): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Sci-fi drama. The Doctor and his friends are reunited in Utah, and are enlisted by President Nixon to save a terrified girl from a mysterious spaceman.

3 (score 6.50): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. The Doctor mounts a rebellion against an alien invasion dating back to the very beginnings of human civilisation.

4 (score 6.08): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. The last hope for all of reality is a little girl who still believes in stars.

5 (score 6.08): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. The Doctor, Amy and Rory must solve the mystery of the disappearance of a pirate crew at the hands of a beautiful Siren.

Asking for facets

```
my $data = $es->search(
  index    => 'mythtv',
  size     => 5,
  query    => {
    query_string => {
      query      => "Doctor Who",
      fields     => [ 'title^3', 'description' ],
      use_dis_max => 1,
    },
  },
  facets  => {
    callsign_facet => {
      terms      => { field    => 'callsign', size => 5, }
    },
    title_facet   => {
      terms      => { field    => 'title_term', size => 5, }
    },
    category_facet => {
      terms      => { field    => 'category_term', size => 5, }
    },
  },
);
```

Faceted results

```
{
  facets    => {
    callsign_facet => {
      _type    => "terms",
      missing  => 0,
      other    => 736,
      terms    => [
        { count => 113, term => "CBeebies" },
        { count => 88,  term => "CITV" },
        { count => 58,  term => "Channel 5" },
        { count => 34,  term => "Channel 4 HD" },
        { count => 23,  term => "BBC 2 England" },
      ],
      total    => 1052,
    },
    ( ... snip two more facets ... )
  },
  hits      => { ( ... snip hits ... ) },
}
```

Querying with a string and a facet

```
my $data = $es->search(  
  index    => 'mythtv',  
  size     => 5,  
  query    => {  
    bool => {  
      must => [  
        { query_string => {  
          query    => "Doctor Who",  
          fields   => [ 'title^3', 'description' ],  
          use_dis_max => 1,  
          }, },  
        { term      => { callsign => "BBC THREE", } }  
      ],  
    }  
  },  
  facets => {  
    title_facet => { terms    => { field    => 'title_term', size => 5, } }  
  }  
);
```

Results

Got 22 hits

- 1 (score 7.36): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. When he follows a Time Lord distress signal, ...
- 2 (score 7.23): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Sci-fi drama. The Doctor and his friends are reunited in Utah, and are enlisted by President Nixon ...
- 3 (score 7.23): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. The Doctor mounts a rebellion against an alien invasion dating back to the ...
- 4 (score 7.19): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. The last hope for all of reality is a little girl who still believes in stars.
- 5 (score 7.19): BBC THREE: Doctor Who: Science fiction drama. The Doctor, Amy and Rory must solve the mystery of the disappearance of a pirate ...

Title facet:

- Doctor Who (5)
- American Dad! (4)
- Russell Howard's Good News (3)
- Family Guy (3)
- Young, Rich and House Hunting (2)

Further information

- Active mailing list
- Regular releases
- <http://www.elasticsearch.org/>