

1. Class & Interface Documentation

1.1 IndexManager (Interface)

Purpose

`IndexManager` defines the **contract for managing search indexes** for weblogs and weblog entries. It abstracts all indexing-related operations such as initialization, rebuilding indexes, adding/removing entries, and searching.

Key Responsibilities

- Initialize and shut down the indexing system
- Detect index inconsistencies at startup
- Add, remove, and re-index weblog entries
- Rebuild indexes for a single weblog or all weblogs
- Perform search operations and return structured results

Why an interface?

So different indexing implementations (e.g., Lucene-based, database-based) can be swapped without changing higher-level code.

1.2 SearchResultList

Purpose

Encapsulates the **results of a search operation**.

Responsibilities

- Store pagination information (`limit, offset`)
- Hold search results (`List<WeblogEntryWrapper>`)

- Track categories involved in the search
- Provide getters for controlled access

This class acts as a **data transfer object (DTO)** between the index layer and the application layer.

1.3 RollerException (Abstract Class)

Purpose

Base exception class for the system, providing **enhanced exception handling**.

Responsibilities

- Store and expose the root cause of errors
- Provide multiple constructors for flexibility
- Support detailed stack trace printing

Being abstract ensures only meaningful, specific exceptions are thrown.

1.4 WebloggerException

Purpose

Represents **general application-level exceptions** in the weblog system.

Responsibilities

- Extend `RollerException`
- Wrap lower-level exceptions with meaningful messages

Used when indexing or weblog-related operations fail.

1.5 InitializationException

Purpose

Signals **failures** during **system or index initialization**.

Responsibilities

- Specialize `WebloggerException`
 - Clearly distinguish startup failures from runtime failures
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1.6 URLStrategy (Interface)

Purpose

Defines a strategy for **constructing URLs** for weblog-related resources.

Responsibilities

- Generate URLs for weblogs, entries, feeds, login, and search
- Support absolute and relative URLs
- Allow preview-based URL strategies

This supports **flexible URL generation** without coupling indexing logic to URL formats.

1.7 LuceneIndexManager

Purpose

Concrete implementation of `IndexManager` using **Apache Lucene**.

Responsibilities

- Manage Lucene index readers and writers
- Handle concurrent access using read/write locks

- Execute index operations (add, remove, rebuild)
- Perform search queries and return `SearchResultList`

This class is the **core engine** of the indexing system.

1.8 IndexOperation (Abstract Class)

Purpose

Represents a **unit of work** performed on the Lucene index.

Responsibilities

- Provide a template method (`run`)
- Manage writer lifecycle (`beginWriting`, `endWriting`)
- Convert weblog data into Lucene documents
- Delegate actual logic to `doRun()`

Implements the **Template Method pattern**.

1.9 WriteToIndexOperation (Abstract Class)

Purpose

Specialization of `IndexOperation` for **write-based operations**.

Responsibilities

- Acquire write locks
 - Ensure index consistency during modifications
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1.10 ReadFromIndexOperation (Abstract Class)

Purpose

Specialization of [IndexOperation](#) for **read-only operations**.

Responsibilities

- Acquire read locks
 - Allow concurrent searches without blocking writers unnecessarily
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1.11 AddEntryOperation

Purpose

Adds a new weblog entry to the index.

Responsibilities

- Convert a [WeblogEntry](#) into a Lucene document
 - Persist it into the index
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1.12 RemoveEntryOperation

Purpose

Removes an existing weblog entry from the index.

Responsibilities

- Locate the entry document
 - Delete it from the Lucene index
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1.13 ReIndexEntryOperation

Purpose

Re-indexes an existing weblog entry.

Responsibilities

- Remove the old index data
- Add updated index data

Useful when an entry is edited.

1.14 RebuildWebsiteIndexOperation

Purpose

Rebuilds the **entire index for a weblog**.

Responsibilities

- Iterate over all entries of a weblog
- Recreate index data from scratch

Used when indexes are corrupted or outdated.

1.15 SearchOperation

Purpose

Encapsulates a **search query execution**.

Responsibilities

- Build Lucene queries
- Execute search using **IndexSearcher**

- Store and return `TopFieldDocs`
 - Support filters (term, category, locale, weblog)
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1.16 `FieldConstants` (Utility Class)

Purpose

Centralizes **Lucene field names** used during indexing and searching.

Responsibilities

- Avoid hardcoded strings
 - Ensure consistency across index operations
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2. Relationship Explanation

2.1 Interface & Inheritance Relationships

- `LuceneIndexManager` implements `IndexManager`
→ Provides a Lucene-based implementation.
- `WebloggerException` extends `RollerException`
→ Specializes general exception handling.
- `InitializationException` extends `WebloggerException`
→ Further specialization for startup errors.
- `IndexOperation` implements `Runnable`
→ Allows index operations to run asynchronously or in threads.
- `WriteToIndexOperation` and `ReadFromIndexOperation` extend
`IndexOperation`
→ Separate read and write concerns for concurrency control.

2.2 Composition & Association

- `IndexManager *-- SearchResultList`
→ Search results are created and owned by the index manager.
 - `LuceneIndexManager --> Weblogger`
→ Depends on application context for configuration and data access.
 - `IndexOperation --> LuceneIndexManager`
→ Operations execute under the control of the index manager.
 - `Add/Remove/ReIndex/Rebuild operations --> Weblog / WeblogEntry`
→ Each operation acts on domain objects.
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2.3 Dependency Relationships

- `IndexManager -----> WebloggerException`
→ Index methods may throw application-level exceptions.
 - `URLStrategy ..> IndexManager`
→ URL generation supports search results produced by indexing.
 - `LuceneIndexManager ..> URLStrategy`
→ Needed to construct URLs in search results.
 - `SearchOperation ..> IndexSearcher, TopFieldDocs`
→ Uses Lucene search APIs internally.
 - `IndexOperation ..> FieldConstants`
→ Uses consistent field names for indexing/searching.
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2.4 Concurrency & Locking Design

- `WriteToIndexOperation` ..> `LuceneIndexManager` : write lock
→ Prevents concurrent writes and ensures index consistency.
- `ReadFromIndexOperation` ..> `LuceneIndexManager` : read lock
→ Allows multiple parallel searches while blocking writes.

This design ensures **thread safety and performance**.

3. High-Level Design Summary (One-liner)

The system uses **interfaces for flexibility**, **template methods for consistency**, **operation objects for modularity**, and **read/write locks for concurrency**, making the indexing architecture scalable, maintainable, and robust.
