

Sitecore with Solr Search

1. Create Search Component

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2. Check SOLR is Running at <https://localhost:8983/solr>
3. Create a template in Sitecore

The screenshot shows the Sitecore template editor for a template named 'Article'. On the left, a tree view shows the template structure: 'Article' (with a UK flag icon) contains an 'Article Data Section' (with a document icon), which in turn contains fields for 'BlogId', 'Title', 'Description', 'Author', 'PostedDate', and 'BlogImage', followed by a '_Standard Values' section (with a UK flag icon). The main area on the right displays the 'Article Data Section' as a table with two columns. The first column lists the field names, and the second column shows the field type selected from a dropdown menu. The field types are: 'Single-Line Text' for 'BlogId', 'Title', and 'Author'; 'Rich Text' for 'Description'; 'Date' for 'PostedDate'; and 'Image' for 'BlogImage'.

Article Data Section	
BlogId	Single-Line Text ▼
Title	Single-Line Text ▼
Description	Rich Text ▼
Author	Single-Line Text ▼
PostedDate	Date ▼
BlogImage	Image ▼

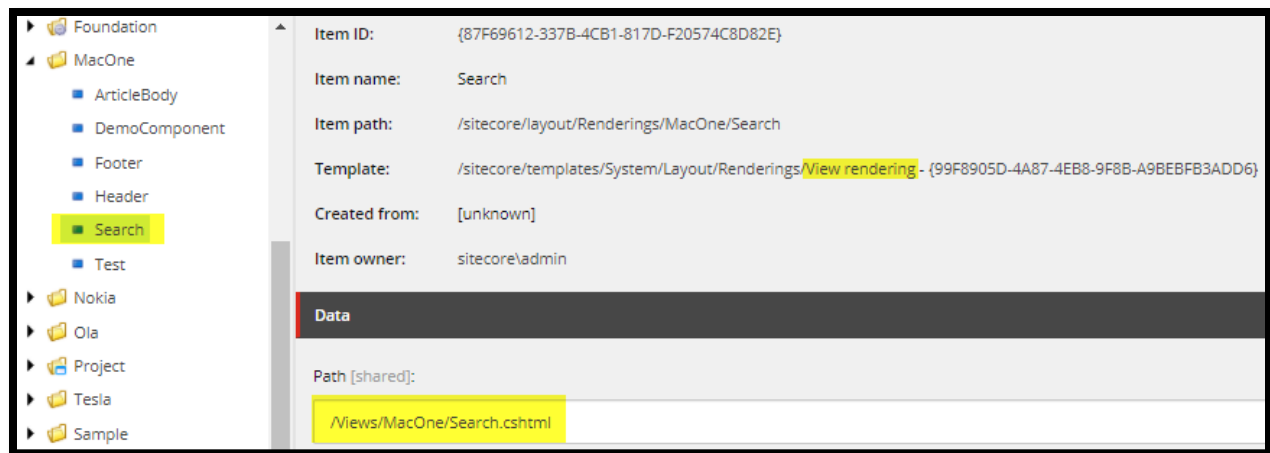
4. By using the same template create few items and put some data.

The screenshot shows the Sitecore item editor for an item named 'Brexite' (with a UK flag icon). The left tree view shows a hierarchy: 'Article For Token' (with a UK flag icon) contains several items: 'Article1', 'Article2', 'Article3', 'Article4', 'Article5', 'Brexite' (highlighted with a UK flag icon), 'demoforrendering', 'This is in Master Database', 'ObamaVisit', and 'TrumpVisit' (with a US flag icon). The main area on the right displays the 'Article Data Section' for the 'Brexite' item. The fields are populated with the following data: 'BlogId' is '1', 'Title' is 'Brexite demo for publishing', and 'Description' is 'This is Description for Brexite.' Below the description, there are links for 'Show editor', 'Suggest fix', and 'Edit HTML'. At the bottom of the main area, the text 'Filtering Your Results' is displayed.

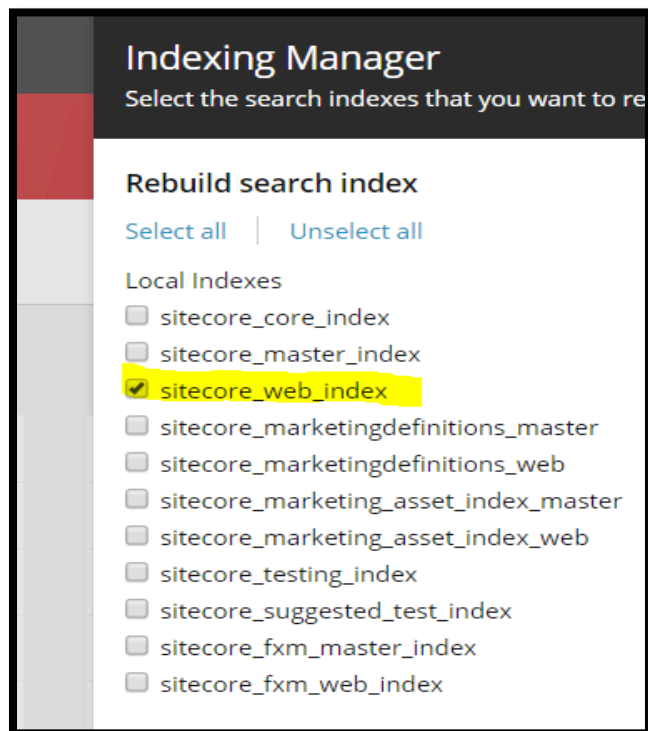
Article Data Section	
BlogId:	1
Title:	Brexite demo for publishing
Description:	This is Description for Brexite. Show editor Suggest fix Edit HTML

Filtering Your Results

5. Create a View Rendering and assign it on HOME page.



6. Go to Sitecore Control Panel then Index manager. If you are using any existing indexes, then rebuild it. Or you can add a new index in the solution same core name add in Solr admin and rebuild that.



7. After indexing check the data is present in the index.

The screenshot shows the Solr Admin interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Dashboard, Logging, Core Admin, Java Properties, Thread Dump, a dropdown menu (sc910_web_ind...), Overview, and Analysis. The main area is divided into two panels. The left panel contains search parameters: a URL field with `/select`, a `common` dropdown, a `q` field with `name:Test1`, an empty `fq` field, an empty `sort` field, `start, rows` fields with values `0` and `10`, an `fl` field with `name_t,heading_t,sub_heading_t,descripti`, and an empty `df` field. The right panel displays the JSON response from the search.

```

{
  "responseHeader":{
    "status":0,
    "QTime":0,
    "params":{
      "q":"name:Test1",
      "fl":"name_t,heading_t,sub_heading_t,description_t",
      "_:\"1550234123057\""},
    "response":{
      "numFound":1,
      "start":0,
      "docs":[
        {
          "sub_heading_t":"Test1 Subheading",
          "description_t":"Test1 Desc",
          "heading_t":"Test1 Heading",
          "name_t":"Test1 Name"}]}]}

```

8. Open the Visual Studio.
9. Create an empty MVC application. Remove reference "***System.Web.Mvc.dll***" and add below references

- Sitecore.ContentSearch.Client.dll
- Sitecore.ContentSearch.Client.xml
- Sitecore.ContentSearch.dll
- Sitecore.ContentSearch.Linq.dll
- Sitecore.ContentSearch.Linq.xml
- Sitecore.ContentSearch.xml
- Sitecore.Kernel.dll
- Sitecore.Kernel.xml
- System.Web.Mvc.dll
- System.Web.Mvc.xml

Create a Model

Code

```
using Sitecore.ContentSearch;
using Sitecore.ContentSearch.SearchTypes;
using System.Collections.Generic;

namespace SitecoreSolrIndexing.Models
{
    public class SearchModel : SearchResultItem
    {
        [IndexField("_name")]
        public virtual string ItemName { get; set; }

        [IndexField("author_t")]
        public virtual string Author { get; set; }

        [IndexField("description_t")]
        public virtual string Description { get; set; } // Custom field on my template

        [IndexField("title_t")]
        public virtual string Title { get; set; } // Custom field on my template
    }

    public class SearchResult
    {
        public string ItemName { get; set; }

        public string Title { get; set; }
        public string Author { get; set; }

        public string Description { get; set; }
    }

    /// <summary>
    /// Custom search result model for binding to front end
    /// </summary>
    public class SearchResults
    {
        public List<SearchResult> Results { get; set; }
    }
}
```

Create a Controller.

Code:

```
using Sitecore.ContentSearch;
using Sitecore.ContentSearch.Linq;
using Sitecore.ContentSearch.Linq.Utilities;
using SitecoreSolrIndexing.Models;
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Linq.Expressions;
using System.Web.Mvc;

namespace SitecoreSolrIndexing.Controllers
{
    public class SolrIndexController : Controller
    {
        public ActionResult DoSearch(string searchText)
        {
            var myResults = new SearchResults
            {
                Results = new List<SearchResult>()
            };
            var searchIndex = ContentSearchManager.GetIndex("sitecore_web_index"); // Get
the search index
            var searchPredicate = GetSearchPredicate(searchText); // Build the search
predicate
            using (var searchContext = searchIndex.CreateSearchContext()) // Get a
context of the search index
            {
                //Select * from Sitecore_web_index Where Author="searchText" OR
Description="searchText" OR Title="searchText"
                var searchResults =
searchContext.GetQueryable<SearchModel>().Where(searchPredicate); // Search the index for
items which match the predicate

                // This will get all of the results, which is not recommended
                var fullResults = searchResults.GetResults();
                // This is better and will get paged results - page 1 with 10 results per
page
                //var pagedResults = searchResults.Page(1, 10).GetResults();
                foreach (var hit in fullResults.Hits)
                {
                    myResults.Results.Add(new SearchResult
                    {
                        Description = hit.Document.Description,
                        Title = hit.Document.Title,
                        ItemName = hit.Document.ItemName,
                        Author = hit.Document.Author
                    });
                }
                return new JsonResult { JsonRequestBehavior =
JsonRequestBehavior.AllowGet, Data = myResults };
            }
        }

        /// <summary>
        /// Search logic
        /// </summary>
        /// <param name="searchText">Search term</param>
```

```

    /// <returns>Search predicate object</returns>
    public static Expression<Func<SearchModel, bool>> GetSearchPredicate(string
searchText)
    {
        var predicate = PredicateBuilder.True<SearchModel>(); // Items which meet the
predicate
                                                                    // Search the whole
phrase - LIKE
                                                                    // predicate =
predicate.Or(x => x.DispalyName.Like(searchText)).Boost(1.2f);
                                                                    // predicate =
predicate.Or(x => x.Description.Like(searchText)).Boost(1.2f);
                                                                    // predicate =
predicate.Or(x => x.Title.Like(searchText)).Boost(1.2f);
                                                                    // Search the whole
phrase - CONTAINS
        predicate = predicate.Or(x => x.Author.Contains(searchText)); //
.Boost(2.0f);
        predicate = predicate.Or(x => x.Description.Contains(searchText)); //
.Boost(2.0f);
        predicate = predicate.Or(x => x.Title.Contains(searchText)); // .Boost(2.0f);
        //Where Author="searchText" OR Description="searchText" OR Title="searchText"
        return predicate;
    }
}

```

Create a View.

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Code:

```
@{
    ViewBag.Title = "SOLR Search Component";
}

<h2>Search Item</h2>
<div class="form-example">
    <label for="name">Search Item </label>
    <input type="text" name="name" id="searchInput" required>
</div>
<br />
<br />

<div class="form-example">
    <button class="favorite styled" type="button" id="searchButton">
        Search
    </button>
</div>

<div id="resultsItem"></div>

<script src="http://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/1.7.1/jquery.min.js"
type="text/javascript"></script>
<script>
    $(document).ready(function () {
        $("#searchButton").click(function (e) {
            // debugger;
            e.preventDefault();
            $.ajax({
                type: "GET",
                datatype: "JSON", url: "@Url.Action("DoSearch",
"AirtelSearchIndex")",
                contentType: "application/json",
                data: {
                    searchText: $("#searchInput").val()
                },
                success: function (result) {
                    var resultText = "";
                    $('#resultsItem').text(resultText);
                    $('#resultsItem').append("Results from SOLR
index <BR><BR>");

                    $(result.Results).each(function (index, item) {
                        // each iteration
                        var Description = item.Description;
                        var Title = item.Title;
                        var Author = item.Author;
```



```

var ItemName = item.ItemName;
resultText += (index + 1) + " - " +
ItemName + Title + "; " + Author + "; " + Description + "; " + "<BR><BR>";
});
$('#resultsItem').append(resultText);
},
error: function (result) {
    alert('error');
}
});
});
});
</script>

```

10. Build and Publish whole solution.

11. Assign view rendering to some item and try to access that item via browser, you should get below output.

12. In textbox, I put "trump" text to search. You get the search results.

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Optional step – To get intelligence in Views

1. Add references "Sitecore.Mvc.dll" and "Sitecore.Mvc.Analytics.dll".
2. Add below entry in "Views/web.config" as

```

<add namespace="Sitecore.Mvc"/>
</namespaces>

```

Pipeline – Page Not Found

1. Create a Custom class

Code:

```
using Sitecore.Data.Items;
using Sitecore.Pipelines.HttpRequest;

namespace MacOneSearch
{
    public class HttpRequestProcessor404 : HttpRequestProcessor
    {
        public override void Process(HttpRequestArgs args)
        {
            if (Sitecore.Context.Item != null || Sitecore.Context.Site == null ||
                Sitecore.Context.Database == null || Sitecore.Context.Database.Name == "core")
            {
                return;
            }
            var pageNotFound = Sitecore.Context.Database.GetItem(@"{F2A6639A-F28D-4C50-
B8DB-B68E0BA8164A}");
            if (pageNotFound == null)
            {
                return;
            }
            args.ProcessorItem = pageNotFound;
            Sitecore.Context.Item = pageNotFound;
            args.HttpContext.Response.StatusCode = 404;
        }
    }
}
```

2. Create a Config File:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<configuration xmlns:patch="http://www.sitecore.net/xmlconfig/">
  <sitecore>
    <pipelines>
      <httpRequestBegin>
        <processor type="MacOneSearch.HttpRequestProcessor404,MacOneSearch"
          patch:after="processor[@type='Sitecore.Pipelines.HttpRequest.ItemResolver,
Sitecore.Kernel']"/>
      </httpRequestBegin>
    </pipelines>
  </sitecore>
</configuration>
```

3. Build and Publish whole solution.

Pipeline

1. Create a Custom Route for Sitecore URL under App_Start

Code:

```
using Sitecore.Pipelines;
using System.Web.Mvc;
using System.Web.Routing;

namespace SitecoreSolrIndexing.CustomRoutes
{
    public class RegisterSolrCustomRoute
    {
        public virtual void Process(PipelineArgs args)
        {
            Register();
        }

        public static void Register()
        {
            RouteTable.Routes.IgnoreRoute("{resource}.axd/{*pathInfo}");

            //http://xp9p2.sc/api/solrsearchtesting/index/DoSearch?searchItem=corona
            RouteTable.Routes.MapRoute("MySearchRoute",
            "api/solrsearchtesting/{controller}/{action}");
        }
    }
}
```

2. Create a Config File:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<configuration xmlns:patch="http://www.sitecore.net/xmlconfig/">
    <sitecore>
        <pipelines>
            <initialize>
                <processor type="SitecoreSolrIndexing.CustomRoutes.RegisterSolrCustomRoute,
SitecoreSolrIndexing"
patch:before="processor[@type='Sitecore.Mvc.Pipelines.Loader.InitializeRoutes,
Sitecore.Mvc']"/>
            </initialize>
        </pipelines>
    </sitecore>
</configuration>
```

3. Build and Publish whole solution.

4. For getting JSON result, access API by

<http://mysitecoredomain.com/api/solrsearchtesting/index/DoSearch?searchItem=corona>