

Documents are immutable

- Elasticsearch documents are immutable (!)
- We actually *replaced* documents in this lecture
- The Update API did some things for us, making it *look* like we updated documents
- The Update API is simpler and saves some network traffic

How the Update API works

- The current document is retrieved
- The field values are changed
- The existing document is *replaced* with the modified document
- We *could* do the exact same thing at the application level