

Introduction to field aliases

- Field names can be changed when reindexing documents
 - Probably not worth it for lots of documents
- An alternative is to use *field aliases*
 - Doesn't require documents to be reindexed
 - Let's add one pointing from `comment` to `content`
 - Aliases can be used within queries
 - Aliases are defined with a field mapping

Updating field aliases

- Field aliases *can* actually be updated
 - Only its target field, though
- Simply perform a mapping update with a new `path` value
- Possible because aliases don't affect indexing
 - It's a query-level construct

Index aliases

- Similar to field aliases, Elasticsearch also supports *index* aliases
- Typically used when dealing with large data volumes
- We won't cover that now, though