THE LUCENE SERVER A BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

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TIGERTEXT

TigerText is a secure mobile messaging platform that you set up for your hospital or business to improve workflow and reduce risk. Employees gain the convenience and familiarity of traditional texting while the enterprise retains the control and security it demands

(fromTigerText Site)





AUTOCOMPLETE

They wanted this...







SCOPE

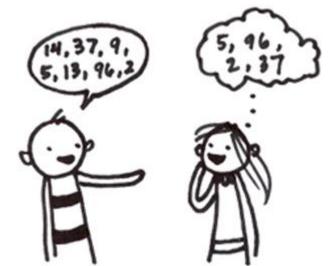
The goals for this talk are to show you:

- how we connected two seemingly icompatible worlds
- how we started with a very specific problem and ended up with a very general solution





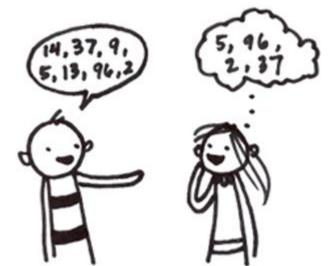
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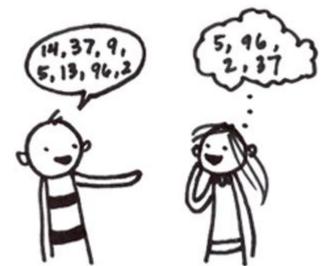
Erlang and Redis were happily talking







But they needed *Lucene*, something that only *Java* knew...







... and Java, well...









Yo! The red locust! They did not have my cunning!1





Jinterface Java package contains java classes, which help you integrate programs written in Java with Erlang (fromErlang Docs)





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(from Lucene Site)





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Thanks!

