

# 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.*

(from [TigerText Site](#))



# AUTOCOMPLETE

*They wanted this. . .*

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The Art of Dialog in the Age of Demons" by Robert



**Robert Rose**



**Dale Robertson**

Lancaster, Pennsylvania



**Roberto Rizaldy Gabriel**



**Roberto Cosentino**

Cairns, Queensland, Australia



**John Roberts**

Bangkok, Thailand



# SCOPE

*The goals for this talk are to show you:*

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



# THE PROBLEM

*Once upon a time on server world...*



# THE PROBLEM

*Erlang* and *Redis* were happily talking



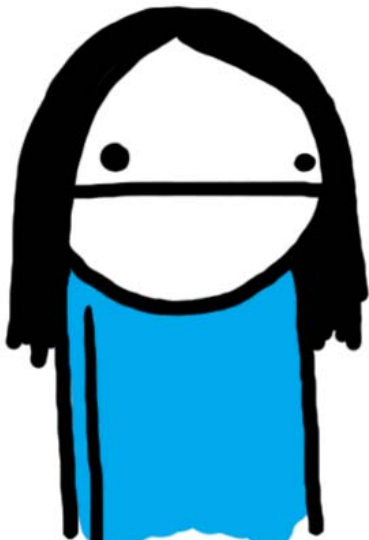
# THE PROBLEM

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



# THE PROBLEM

... and *Java*, well...



hot.  
talking  
to  
you.



*Oh! Now who can help?!<sup>1</sup>*



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<sup>1</sup>Translated by Google™



*Yo! The red locust! They did not have my cunning!<sup>1</sup>*



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*...ehm... that would be **us***



# JINTERFACE

*Jinterface Java package contains java classes, which help you integrate programs written in Java with Erlang*  
(from [Erlang Docs](#))



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*Apache Lucene™ is a high-performance, full-featured text search engine library written entirely in Java. It is a technology suitable for nearly any application that requires full-text search, especially cross-platform.*  
(from [Lucene Site](#))



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# Thanks!

