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About me

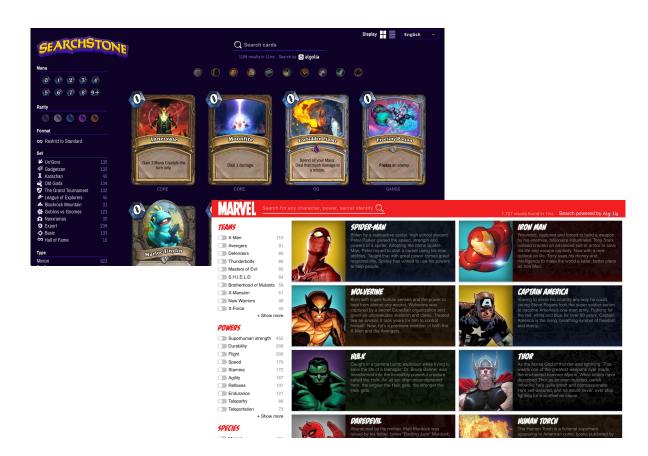
- > Software engineer at Algolia
- > One of the first 2 dev on instantsearch.js
- > Lead of InstantSearch.js

InstantSearch



InstantSearch

by Algolia





Started in 2015





Well received!

1700+

live implementations

1600+

GitHub stars

2200+

commits

633

upvotes on Product Hunt

42

contributors

111

releases

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Family is growing



InstantSearch

for React



InstantSearch

for JavaScript



InstantSearch

for Android



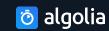
InstantSearch

for Swift



InstantSearch

for Vue





Search is its **own domain** of expertise

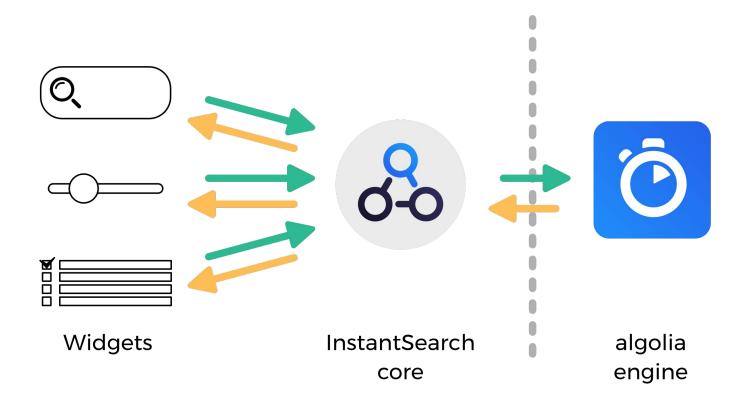




Why InstantSearch

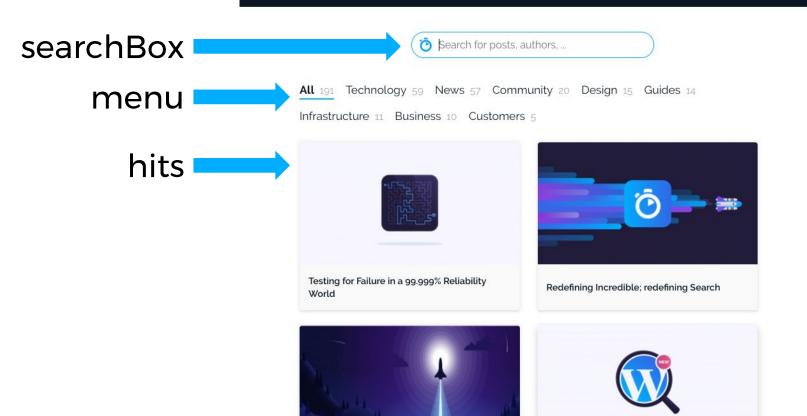
- > Translate the concepts of search into UI
- > Package the UX best practices

Key concepts



Milliseconds Matter

The Official Algolia Blog









We've learned a lot...

- > from your feedback
- > from our experience with the other libraries
- > from our internal usage





Key learnings

- > The customisation is too limited
- > The learning curve is steep beyond the basics
- > Some API choices are blocking us





New features

- > A new API for customization: the connectors
- > New documentation
- > Overall improvements



Connector - example 1/3

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The Official Algolia Blog

(*) Search for posts, authors, ...

All 177 News 55 Programming 48 Community 19 Guides 17 Design 13 Business 10 Infrastructure 10

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Connector - example 2/3

Single selection

No selection

Items

All

Infrastructure

Design

Guides

News

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Connector - example 3 / 3

> The markup is different

- > Not doable in v1
- > Can be done with the menu connector in v2

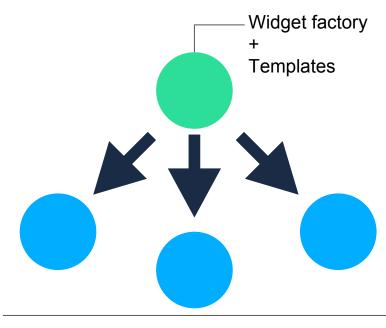




Connectors in a nutshell

- > Let the user customize the widgets completely
- > Separate behavior and rendering
- > This is a refactoring not a new set of options

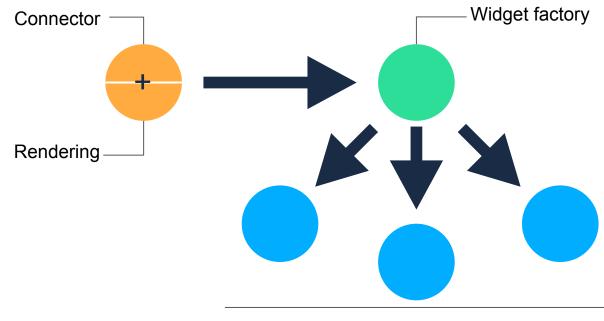
Without connectors



Widget instances search.add(widget)

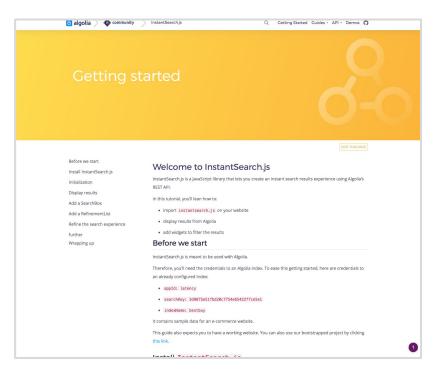


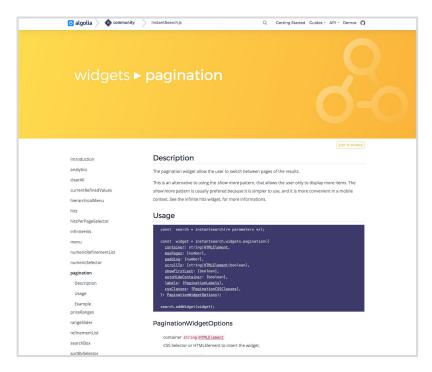
With connectors



Widget instances
search.add(widget)

New documentation







Improvements

- > Some breaking changes. Guide: how to migrate
- > New internal implementation of the slider widget
- > A proper default theme
- > New way to test widgets "à la story book"
- > Lighter build
- > Updated the searchFunction implementation





Summing up

- > Give you more power to customize widgets
- > Simplify the library to new users
- > Make the core more future proof

The (near) future



2.1

- > Stabilize the core (as started in v2)
- > Modernize the stacks (test, build...)
- > Add more guides and content to the documentation





Guidelines for the future

- > Bring more features from the engine into the UI
- > Do not be in your way
- > Provide consistency across InstantSearch projects



InstantSearch V2 is available now

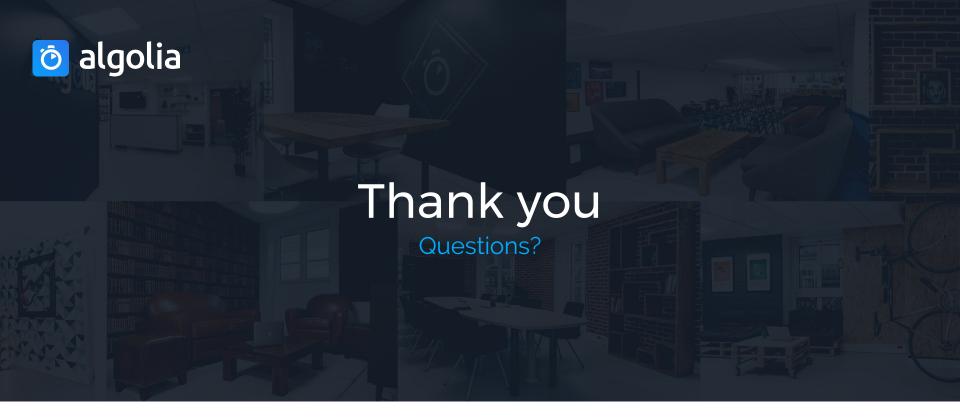
The release candidate is live on NPM and jsDelivr:

- https://community.algolia.com/instantsearch.js/v2
- https://yarnpkg.com/en/package/instantsearch.js

Documentation is also available:

- <u>https://community.algolia.com/instantsearch.js/v2/</u>

Show us what you're doing with InstantSearch.js v2 **on** the community forum (http://discourse.algolia.com)





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