

Architecting a Search Feature

(in Rails)

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#bulk(arguments = {}) ⇒ Hash

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Examples:

► Perform three operations in a single request, passing actions and data as an array of hashes

```
client.bulk body: [
  { index: { _index: 'myindex', _type: 'mytype', _id: 1 } },
  { title: 'foo' },

  { index: { _index: 'myindex', _type: 'mytype', _id: 2 } },
  { title: 'foo' },

  { delete: { _index: 'myindex', _type: 'mytype', _id: 3 } }
]
```

► Perform three operations in a single request, passing data in the `:data` option

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client.bulk body: [
  { index: { _index: 'myindex', _type: 'mytype', _id: 1, data: { title: 'foo' } } },
  { update: { _index: 'myindex', _type: 'mytype', _id: 2, data: { doc: { title: 'foo' } } } },
  { delete: { _index: 'myindex', _type: 'mytype', _id: 3 } }
]
```


But how do you **design** a search feature
with these tools?

App Search

Domain Model Integration

Ruby on Rails

Make “Books” Searchable

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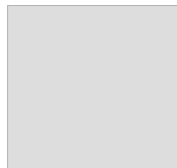
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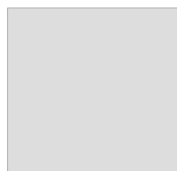
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`docker-compose.yml`

`version: '3'`

`services:`

`elasticsearch:`

`image: docker.elastic.co/elasticsearch/elasticsearch:7.3.0`

`environment:`

`- discovery.type=single-node`

`volumes:`

`- elasticsearch:/usr/share/elasticsearch/data`

`ports:`

`- 9200:9200`

`kibana:`

`image: docker.elastic.co/kibana/kibana:7.3.0`

`ports:`

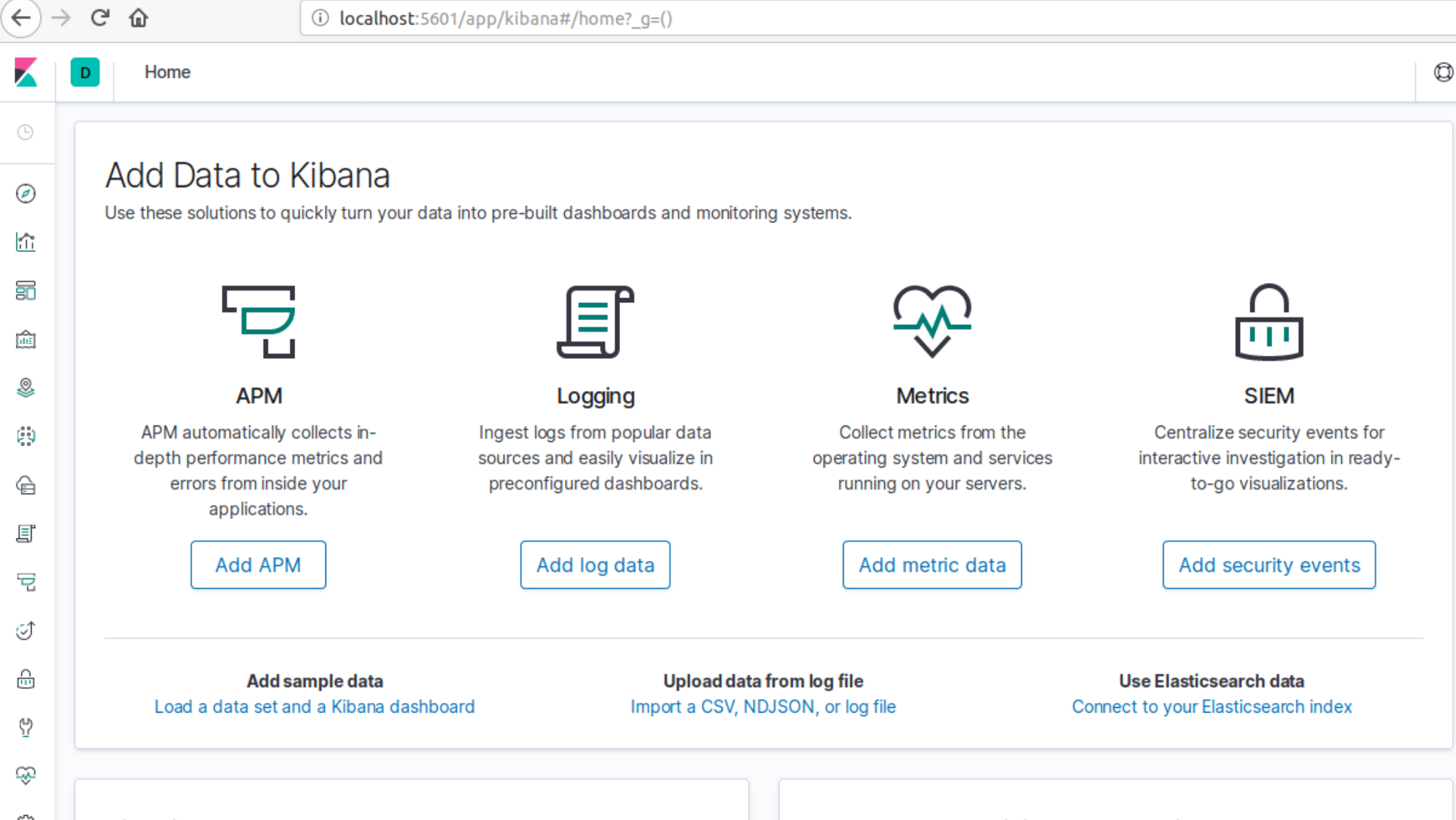
`- 5601:5601`

`volumes:`

`elasticsearch:`

```
$ curl localhost:9200
```

```
{  
  "name" : "c4fabad24d76",  
  "cluster_name" : "docker-cluster",  
  "cluster_uuid" : "GH_xFJ_aTuSDA9MZTRgMbQ",  
  "version" : {  
    "number" : "7.3.0",  
    "build_flavor" : "default",  
    "build_type" : "docker",  
    "build_hash" : "de777fa",  
    "build_date" : "2019-07-24T18:30:11.767338Z",  
    "build_snapshot" : false,  
    "lucene_version" : "8.1.0",  
    "minimum_wire_compatibility_version" : "6.8.0",  
    "minimum_index_compatibility_version" : "6.0.0-beta1"  
  },  
  "tagline" : "You Know, for Search"  
}
```

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REST APIs



Elasticsearch exposes REST APIs that are used by the UI components and can be called directly to configure and access Elasticsearch features.



NOTE

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Elasticsearch REST APIs

So Any HTTP Client/Library Should Do?

Construct every request

Parse every response

Set up logging/tracing

Manage connections with the nodes in the cluster

Handle retries and errors

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elasticsearch 7.3.0

Ruby integrations for Elasticsearch (client, API, etc.)

VERSIONS:

7.3.0 - August 01, 2019 (13 KB)

7.2.1 - July 25, 2019 (13 KB)

7.2.0 - June 26, 2019 (13 KB)

7.1.0 - May 22, 2019 (13 KB)

7.0.0 - April 30, 2019 (13 KB)

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RUNTIME DEPENDENCIES (2):

elasticsearch-api = 7.3.0

elasticsearch-transport = 7.3.0

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bundler >= 0

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GEMFILE:

gem 'elasticsearch'



INSTALL:

gem install elasticsearch



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REQUIRED RUBY VERSION:

```
$ bundle add elasticsearch --version='~> 7.3.0'
```



```
elasticsearch = Elasticsearch::Client.new

cluster_health = elasticsearch.cluster.health

puts JSON.pretty_generate(cluster_health)
{
  "cluster_name": "docker-cluster",
  "status": "green",
  "timed_out": false,
  "number_of_nodes": 1,
  ...
}

elasticsearch.index(...)
elasticsearch.delete(...)
elasticsearch.bulk(...)
elasticsearch.get(...)
elasticsearch.search(...)
```

REST API

Because this format uses literal `\n`'s as delimiters, please be sure that the JSON actions and sources are not pretty printed. Here is an example of a correct sequence of bulk commands:

```
POST _bulk
{ "index" : { "_index" : "test", "_id" : "1" } }
{ "field1" : "value1" }
{ "delete" : { "_index" : "test", "_id" : "2" } }
{ "create" : { "_index" : "test", "_id" : "3" } }
{ "field1" : "value3" }
{ "update" : { "_id" : "1", "_index" : "test" } }
{ "doc" : { "field2" : "value2" } }
```

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The result of this bulk operation is:

```
{
  "took": 30,
  "errors": false,
  "items": [
    {
      "index": {
        "_index": "test",
```



Ruby API

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]
```

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The app allows us to **browse** books

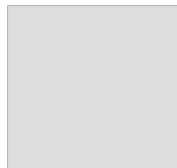
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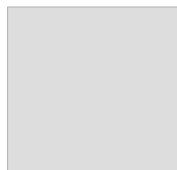
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But we want to **search** books

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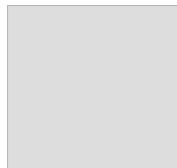
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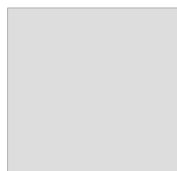
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Ruby on Rails (Web application framework)

ActiveRecord (ORM)

4 Tables:

books

authors

genres

books_genres

```
ActiveRecord::Schema.define do
  create_table "books" do |t|
    t.string "name"
    t.string "image"
    t.text "description"
    t.string "isbn"
    t.date "published_at"
    t.integer "author_id"
    t.datetime "created_at"
    t.datetime "updated_at"
  end
end
```

```
ActiveRecord::Schema.define do
  create_table "genres" do |t|
    t.string "name"
    t.string "image"
    t.text "description"
    t.datetime "created_at"
    t.datetime "updated_at"
  end
end
```

```
ActiveRecord::Schema.define do
  create_table "authors" do |t|
    t.string "name"
    t.string "image"
    t.text "description"
    t.datetime "created_at"
    t.datetime "updated_at"
  end
end
```

```
ActiveRecord::Schema.define do
  create_table "books_genres" do |t|
    t.integer "book_id"
    t.integer "genre_id"
  end
end
```

3 Models:

Book

Author

Genre

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  belongs_to :author
  has_and_belongs_to_many :genres
end
```

```
class Author < ApplicationRecord
  has_many :books
end
```

```
class Genre < ApplicationRecord
  has_and_belongs_to_many :books
end
```

We want to search **books**

Views of a book

authors

id	name	image	description	created_at	updated_at
2	Robert Louis Stevenson	Robert-louis-stevenson.jpg	Robert ...	2019-08-20T19:12:55.322Z	2019-08-20T19:12:55.322Z

books

id	author_id	name	image	description	isbn	published_at	created_at	updated_at
2	2	Strange Case...	dr-jek...	Dr Jekyll ...	284998401-9	2018-01-01	2019-08-20T19...	2019-08-20T19...

books_genres

book_id	genre_id
2	1
2	2

genres

id	name	image	description	create_at	updated_at
1	Horror	horror.jpg	Horror is a genre of spec...	2019-08-20T19:12:55.345Z	2019-08-20T19:12:55.345Z
2	Science Fiction	science-fiction.jpg	Science fiction (Sci-Fi)...	2019-08-20T19:12:55.351Z	2019-08-20T19:12:55.351Z


```
book = Book.find_by(  
  name: 'Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'  
)
```

```
book.isbn  
"284998401-9"
```

```
book.author.id  
2
```

```
book.author.name  
"Robert Louis Stevenson"
```

```
book.genres.map(&:id)  
[1, 2]
```

```
book.genres.map(&:name)  
["Horror", "Science Fiction"]
```

What we think of as a book is a **view**
that involves **multiple models/tables**
and must be constructed

We must **design** an additional
view of a book that's suitable for
searching

A **search document**

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genre_ids
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published_at_year

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isbn
name
author_name
genre_names
description

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author_id
author_name

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id

name

image

description

isbn

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author_id

published_at_year

author_name

genre_ids

genre_names

id

name

image

description

isbn

published_at

author_id

published_at_year

author_name

genre_ids

genre_names


```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  def published_at_year
    published_at.year
  end

  def author_name
    author.name
  end

  def genre_ids
    genres.map(&:id)
  end

  def genre_names
    genres.map(&:name)
  end
end
```

book = Book.second

book.id

2

book.name

"Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde"

book.author_id

2

book.author_name

"Robert Louis Stevenson"

book.genre_ids

[1, 2]

book.genre_names

["Horror", "Science Fiction"]

book.published_at

Mon, 01 Jan 2018

book.published_at_year

2018

book.description

"Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde is a gothic novella..."

book.image

"dr-jekyll-and-mr-hyde.jpg"

book.isbn

"398742348-X"

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elasticsearch-model *7.0.0.pre*

ActiveModel/Record integrations for Elasticsearch.

VERSIONS:

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elasticsearch > 1

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elasticsearch-extensions >= 0

kaminari >= 0

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```
gem 'elasticsearch-model'
```



INSTALL:

```
gem install elasticsearch-model
```



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```
$ bundle add elasticsearch-model --version='~> 7.0.0.pre'
```

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  include Elasticsearch::Model
end
```

```
Book.import
Book.search(...)
```

```
Book.__elasticsearch__
Book.__elasticsearch__.client
Book.__elasticsearch__.client.cluster.health
```

```
book = Book.first
book.__elasticsearch__.client.cluster.health
```

```
book.as_indexed_json
```

```
{  
  "id": 2,  
  "name": "Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde",  
  "image": "dr-jekyll-and-mr-hyde.jpg",  
  "description": "Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde...",  
  "isbn": "284998401-9",  
  "published_at": "2018-01-01",  
  "author_id": 2,  
  "created_at": "2019-08-20T19:12:56.078Z",  
  "updated_at": "2019-08-20T19:12:56.078Z"  
}
```

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}
```



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  "description": "Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde...",
  "isbn": "284998401-9",
  "published_at": "2018-01-01",
  "author_id": 2,
  "published_at_year": 2018,
  "author_name": "Robert Louis Stevenson",
  "genre_ids": [
    1,
    2
  ],
  "genre_names": [
    "Horror",
    "Science Fiction"
  ]
}
```

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  def as_indexed_json(options={})
    as_json(
      except: [
        :created_at,
        :updated_at
      ],
      methods: [
        :published_at_year,
        :author_name,
        :genre_ids,
        :genre_names
      ]
    )
  end
end
```

```
{
  "id": 2,
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  "image": "dr-jekyll-and-mr-hyde.jpg",
  "description": "Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde...",
  "isbn": "284998401-9",
  "published_at": "2018-01-01",
  "author_id": 2,
  "published_at_year": 2018,
  "author_name": "Robert Louis Stevenson",
  "genre_ids": [
    1,
    2
  ],
  "genre_names": [
    "Horror",
    "Science Fiction"
  ]
}
```

id	author_id	name
2	2	Strange Case...

id	name
2	Robert Louis Stevenson



```
book = Book.find(2)
```

```
book.name  
'Strange Case...'
```

```
book.author_name  
'Robert Louis Stevenson'
```



```
book.as_indexed_json  
'{"name":"Strange Case...","author_name":"Robert Louis..."}'
```

Now we can create search documents

But first we need a place to put them

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Configure:

index name

index settings

index mapping

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord

  index_name "#{Rails.env}-books"

  settings number_of_replicas: 0 do
    mapping dynamic: 'false' do
      . . .
    end
  end
end
```


Filters ▼

Filters/Aggregations

author_id
author_name
genre_ids
genre_names
published_at_year

Foo (3)
Bar (3)

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Query

isbn
name
author_name
genre_names
description

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id
name
image
description
published_at
author_id
author_name

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```
mapping dynamic: 'false' do
  indexes :name, type: 'text' do
    indexes :raw, type: 'keyword'
  end
  indexes :image, type: 'keyword', index: false
  indexes :description, type: 'text'
  indexes :isbn, type: 'keyword'
  indexes :published_at, type: 'date'
  indexes :author_id, type: 'integer'
  indexes :published_at_year, type: 'integer'
  indexes :author_name, type: 'text'
  indexes :genre_ids, type: 'integer'
  indexes :genre_names, type: 'text'
end
```

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The create index API allows for providing a mapping definition:

[edit](#)

```
PUT test
{
  "settings" : {
    "number_of_shards" : 1
  },
  "mappings" : {
    "properties" : {
      "field1" : { "type" : "text" }
    }
  }
}
```

[Copy as cURL](#)

[View in Console](#)



NOTE

Before 7.0.0, the *mappings* definition used to include a type name. Although specifying types in requests is now deprecated, a type can still be provided if the request parameter `include_type_name` is set. For more details, please see [Removal of mapping types](#).

Create an index.

Pass the index `settings` and `mappings` in the `:body` attribute.

Examples:

► Create an index with specific settings, custom analyzers and mappings

```
client.indices.create index: 'test',
  body: {
    settings: {
      index: {
        number_of_shards: 1,
        number_of_replicas: 0,
        'routing.allocation.include.name' => 'node-1'
      },
      analysis: {
        filter: {
          ngram: {
            type: 'nGram',
            min_gram: 3,
            max_gram: 25
          }
        },
        analyzer: {
          ngram: {
            tokenizer: 'whitespace',
            filter: ['lowercase', 'stop', 'ngram'],
            type: 'custom'
          },
          ngram_search: {
            tokenizer: 'whitespace',
            filter: ['lowercase', 'stop'],
            type: 'custom'
          }
        }
      }
    },
    mappings: {
      properties: {
```

```
$ RAILS_ENV=development bin/rails runner 'Book.create_index!'
```

```
$ RAILS_ENV=test bin/rails runner 'Book.create_index!'
```

```
puts Book.  
  __elasticsearch__  
  .client  
  .cat  
  .indices(h: 'I')  
  .split  
  .sort  
  
.kibana_1  
.kibana_task_manager  
development-books  
test-books
```

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```
$ RAILS_ENV=development bin/rails runner 'Book.import'
```

```
$ RAILS_ENV=test bin/rails runner 'Book.import'
```

Tables → Object → Search Document →

Elasticsearch Internal Representations

➤	_id	name	author_id	author_name	genre_ids	genre_names	published_at_year	isbn
>	1	Frankenstein	1	Mary Shelley	1	Horror	2,018	🔍 🔍 788299638-6
>	2	Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	2	Robert Louis Stevenson	1, 2	Horror, Science Fiction	2,018	284998401-9
>	3	The Time Machine	3	H.G. Wells	2	Science Fiction	2,019	829471958-7
>	4	Treasure Island	2	Robert Louis Stevenson	3	Adventure	2,019	293231092-5

Default

This page lists every field in the **development-books** index and the field's associated core type as recorded by Elasticsearch. To change a field type, use the Elasticsearch [Mapping API](#).

Fields (16)

Scripted fields (0)

Source filters (0)

Filter

All field types

Name	Type	Format	Searchable	Aggregatable	Excluded
_id	string		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
_index	string		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
_score	number				<div></div>
_source	_source				<div></div>
_type	string		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
author_id	number		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
author_name	string		<div></div>		<div></div>
description	string		<div></div>		<div></div>
genre_ids	number		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
genre_names	string		<div></div>		<div></div>
image	string			<div></div>	<div></div>
isbn	string		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
name	string		<div></div>		<div></div>
name.raw	string		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
published_at	date		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
published_at_year	number		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>

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```
Book.search(q, options={})
```

```
Book.search(search_definition)
```



elasticsearch-dsl 0.1.8

A Ruby DSL builder for Elasticsearch

VERSIONS:

0.1.8 - June 06, 2019 (61.5 KB)
0.1.7 - March 25, 2019 (60.5 KB)
0.1.6 - July 29, 2018 (55 KB)
0.1.5 - January 21, 2017 (54 KB)
0.1.4 - June 21, 2016 (53.5 KB)

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DEVELOPMENT DEPENDENCIES (13):

bundler >= 0
cane >= 0
elasticsearch >= 0
elasticsearch-extensions >= 0
minitest ~> 5
minitest-reporters ~> 1
mocha >= 0
pry >= 0
rake ~> 11.1
shoulda-context >= 0
simplecov >= 0

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GEMFILE:

```
gem 'elasticsearch-dsl'
```



INSTALL:

```
gem install elasticsearch-dsl
```



LICENSE:

APACHE-2.0


```
$ bundle add elasticsearch-dsl --version='~> 0.1.8'
```

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  def self.search(q, options={})

    search_definition =
      Elasticsearch::DSL::Search.search do
        ...
      end

    __elasticsearch__.search(search_definition)
  end
end
```

```
search_definition =  
  Elasticsearch::DSL::Search.search do  
    query do  
      if q.present?  
        multi_match do  
          query q  
          fields [  
            'isbn^10',  
            'name^9',  
            'author_name^5',  
            'genre_names^1',  
            'description'  
          ]  
        end  
      else  
        match_all  
      end  
    end  
  end  
end
```

Book.search(**nil**)

```
{
  "index": "development-books",
  "type": null,
  "body": {
    "query": {
      "match_all": {}
    }
  }
}
```

Book.search('romantic horror')

```
{
  "index": "development-books",
  "type": null,
  "body": {
    "query": {
      "multi_match": {
        "query": "romantic horror",
        "fields": [
          "isbn^10",
          "name^9",
          "author_name^5",
          "genre_names^1",
          "description"
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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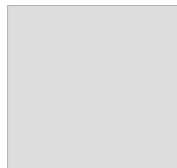
romantic horror



Filters



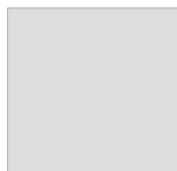
Sort



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By **Mary Shelley**

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**Strange Case of Dr
Jekyll and Mr Hyde**

By **Robert Louis Stevenson**

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```
Book.search('romantic horror').results.each do |result|  
  puts  
  puts result.name  
  puts result.author_name  
End
```

Frankenstein
Mary Shelley

Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Robert Louis Stevenson

```
Book.search('romantic horror').results.class  
Elasticsearch::Model::Response::Results
```

```
Book.search('romantic horror').records.class  
Elasticsearch::Model::Response::Records
```

```
Book.search('romantic horror').response.class  
Elasticsearch::Model::HashWrapper
```



```
Book.search('romantic horror').results.first.class  
Elasticsearch::Model::Response::Result
```

```
Book.search('romantic horror').records.first.class  
Book
```

```
Book.search('romantic horror').results.first.author_name  
'Mary Shelley'
```

```
Book.search('romantic horror').records.first.author_name  
'Mary Shelley'
```

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kaminari 1.1.1

Kaminari is a Scope & Engine based, clean, powerful, agnostic, customizable and sophisticated paginator for Rails 4+

VERSIONS:

1.1.1 - October 21, 2017 (21 KB)
1.1.0 - October 13, 2017 (21 KB)
1.0.1 - January 19, 2017 (20.5 KB)
1.0.0 - January 10, 2017 (20 KB)
1.0.0.rc1 - December 14, 2016 (19.5 KB)

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RUNTIME DEPENDENCIES (4):

activesupport >= 4.1.0
kaminari-actionview = 1.1.1
kaminari-activerecord = 1.1.1
kaminari-core = 1.1.1

DEVELOPMENT DEPENDENCIES (5):

bundler >= 1.0.0
capybara >= 1.0
rake >= 0
rr >= 0

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11,225,255

GEMFILE:

```
gem 'kaminari', '~>
```



INSTALL:

```
gem install kaminari
```



LICENSE:

MIT

Gemfile

```
gem "kaminari", "~> 1.1.1"
```

```
gem "elasticsearch", "~> 7.3.0"
```

```
gem "elasticsearch-model", "~> 7.0.0.pre"
```

```
gem "elasticsearch-dsl", "~> 0.1.8"
```

```
Book.search(nil).results.count
```

4

```
Book.search(nil).page(1).per(3).results.count
```

3

```
Book.search(nil).page(2).per(3).results.count
```

1

```
Book.search(nil).page(2).per(3).total_pages
```

2

```
Book.search(nil).page(2).per(3).current_page
```

2

```
Book.search(nil).page(2).per(3).prev_page
```

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Genre

Foo (3)

Bar (3)

Year Published

Foo (3)

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```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  def self.available_sorts
    {
      best: {
        display_name: 'Best Match',
        field: '_score',
        order: 'desc'
      },
      date: {
        display_name: 'Date Published',
        field: 'published_at',
        order: 'desc'
      },
      title: {
        display_name: 'Title',
        field: 'name.raw',
        order: 'asc'
      }
    }
  end
end
```

```
Book.available_sorts.each do |id, sort|  
  puts;  
  puts "* #{sort[:display_name]} :#{id}"  
  puts "  (#{sort[:field]}, #{sort[:order]})"  
End
```

```
* Best Match (:best)  
  _score, desc
```

```
* Date Published (:date)  
  published_at, desc
```

```
* Title (:title)  
  name.raw, asc
```

```
Book.search(nil, sort: :title).results.first.name  
"Frankenstein"
```

```
Book.search(nil, sort: :date).results.first.name  
"The Time Machine"
```

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  def self.search(q, options={})
    selected_sort = available_sorts[options.fetch(:sort, :best)]

    search_definition =
      Elasticsearch::DSL::Search.search do
        query do
          ...
        end

        sort do
          by selected_sort[:field], order: selected_sort[:order]
        end
      end
  end
end
```

```
{
  "index": "development-books",
  "type": null,
  "body": {
    "query": {...},
    "sort": [
      {
        "published_at": {
          "order": "desc"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

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```
Book.search(nil).response.aggregations.each do |term, values|
  type = term.singularize.titleize
  puts
  values.buckets.each do |bucket|
    puts "#{type} #{bucket['key']} (#{bucket['doc_count']})"
  end
end
```

```
Genre 1 (2)
Genre 2 (2)
Genre 3 (1)
Year 2018 (2)
Year 2019 (2)
Author 2 (2)
Author 1 (1)
Author 3 (1)
```



```
search_definition =
  Elasticsearch::DSL::Search.search do
    query do
      ...
    end

    sort do
      ...
    end

    aggregation :authors do
      terms field: 'author_id'
    end
    aggregation :genres do
      terms field: 'genre_ids'
    end
    aggregation :years do
      terms field: 'published_at_year'
    end
  end
end
```

```
{
  "index": "development-books",
  "type": null,
  "body": {
    "query": {...},
    "sort": [...],
    "aggregations": {
      "authors": {
        "terms": {
          "field": "author_id"
        }
      },
      "genres": {
        "terms": {
          "field": "genre_ids"
        }
      },
      "years": {
        "terms": {
          "field": "published_at_year"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
Book.search(nil).results.count
```

4

```
Book.search(nil, author: 2).results.count
```

2

```
Book.search(nil, genre: 3).results.count
```

1

```
Book.search(nil, year: 2019).results.count
```

2

```
Book.search('time travel', year: 2019).results.count
```

1

```

def self.search(q, options={})
  selected_author = options[:author]
  selected_genre = options[:genre]
  selected_year = options[:year]
  selected_sort = available_sorts[options.fetch(:sort, :best)]

  search_definition =
    Elasticsearch::DSL::Search.search do
      query do
        bool do
          filter { term author_id: selected_author } if selected_author
          filter { term genre_ids: selected_genre } if selected_genre
          filter { term published_at_year: selected_year } if selected_year
          must do
            if q.present?
              ...
            else
              match_all
            end
          end
        end
      end
    end
  end
end
end
end
end

```

```
{
  "index": "development-books",
  "type": null,
  "body": {
    "query": {
      "bool": {
        "filter": [
          {
            "term": {
              "author_id": 2
            }
          }
        ],
        "must": [
          {
            "multi_match": {...}
          }
        ]
      }
    },
    "sort": [...],
    "aggregations": {...}
  }
}
```

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```
book_1 = Book.find(1)
search_book_1 = Book.__elasticsearch__.client.get(
    index: Book.index_name,
    id: 1
)
```

```
book_1.name
"Frankenstein"
```

```
search_book_1.dig('_source', 'name')
"Frankenstein"
```

Book

.find(1)

.update_attribute(:name, 'Frankenstein')


```
book_1 = Book.find(1)
search_book_1 = Book.__elasticsearch__.client.get(
    index: Book.index_name,
    id: 1
)
```

```
book_1.name
"Frankenstein"
```

```
search_book_1.dig('_source', 'name')
"Frankenstein"
```

Update, create, or delete a book

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  after_save :save_search_book
  after_destroy :destroy_search_book

  def save_search_book(*args)
    SaveSearchBookJob.perform_later(id)
  end

  def destroy_search_book(*args)
    DestroySearchBookJob.perform_later(id)
  end
end
```

```
class SaveSearchBookJob < ApplicationJob
  queue_as :default

  def perform(book_id)
    book = Book.find(book_id)
    book.__elasticsearch__.index_document
  end
end
```

```
class DestroySearchBookJob < ApplicationJob
  queue_as :default

  def perform(book_id)
    client = Book.__elasticsearch__.client
    index = Book.index_name
    client.delete(index: index, id: book_id)
  end
end
```

But:

You can assign genres to a book without saving the book

You can assign genres to a book from a Genre

```
class Book < ApplicationRecord
  has_and_belongs_to_many :genres,
    after_add: :save_search_book,
    after_remove: :save_search_book

  after_save :save_search_book
  after_destroy :destroy_search_book
end
```

```
class Genre < ApplicationRecord
  has_and_belongs_to_many :books,
    after_add: :save_search_book,
    after_remove: :save_search_book

  def save_search_book(book)
    SaveSearchBookJob.perform_later(book.id)
  end
end
```

And don't forget Author callbacks
(like I did!)

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sections TEXT 0

body TEXT 1

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SCORE 72.7 ID ...8f99a19efbfcfb3ad97507909362be

title Site Search Pricing and Plans - E

body Site Search Pricing Demo Requ...

sections Elastic Site Search Service

guide_identifier https://www.elastic.co/cloud/si...

url https://www.elastic.co/cloud/si...

5 more fields

SCORE 72.7 ID ...3418d62073a0406f7394a75b68e957

title Search as a Service Pricing and I

body App Search Pricing Demo Requ...

sections Elastic App Search Service

guide_ids https://www.elastic.co/cloud/a...

url https://www.elastic.co/cloud/a...

5 more fields

SCORE 69.09 ID ...dcdde65fc56bd257d0a4a07197942a

title 1

is_product_page Elasticsearch: RESTful, Distribut

body Stack The Heart of the Elastic ...

sections Elasticsearch

guide_identifier https://www.elastic.co/product...

6 more fields

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Create advanced, user-facing search experiences

Elastic is a search company. Learn how we apply the

But you can build these things yourself

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But designing them can be hard

I hope this presentation may help

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Thank You

Architecting a Search Feature (in Rails)

Chris Cressman

<https://chriscressman.com>