

Unit 8

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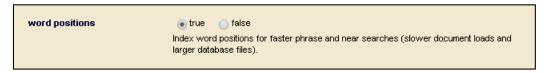


Exercise 1: Modify a Database Configuration

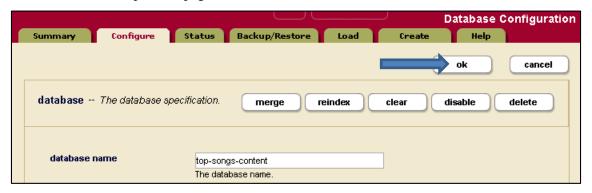
In this exercise you will turn on some additional term list indexes in order to support accurate unfiltered search queries against your database.

Specifically, you wish to be able to perform near queries and be able to return results accurately from the indexes (unfiltered search).

- 1. In a browser, open the Admin interface at http://localhost:8001.
- 2. From the left hand navigation column click Configure → Databases → top-songs-content.
- 3. Scroll down the configuration until you find the word positions index and set it to true:

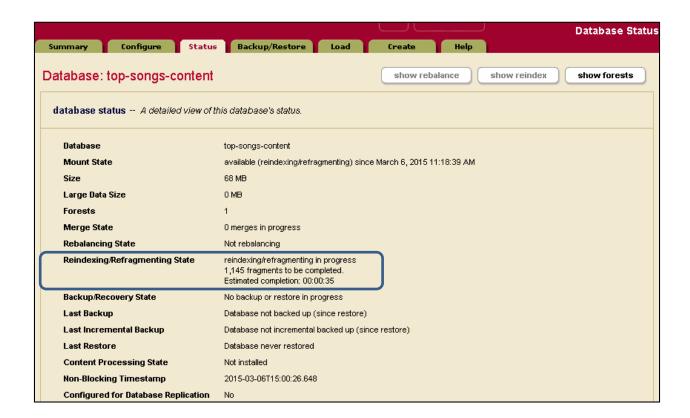


4. Scroll back to the top of the page and click **OK**:

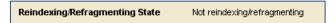


- 5. This will cause a database reindex to begin. To track the progress, click on the **Status** tab.
- 6. If a reindex is currently ongoing, you will see a status similar to the following:





7. Wait a few seconds and then refresh your browser. When the reindex is complete, you will see the following status:





Exercise 2: Build a Range Index

In this exercise we will use the Admin interface to build a string type range index on the artist property.

- 1. Open the Admin interface (http://localhost:8001)
- 2. Select Configure → Databases → top-songs-content → Element Range Indexes

Note:

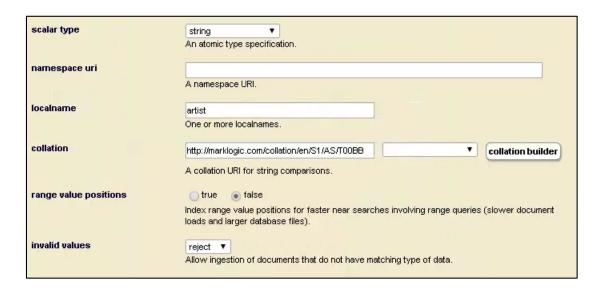
Element range indexes apply for both XML elements and JSON properties. Because JSON documents don't have the concept of namespaces, when setting up an index on the property you will simply leave the namespace empty.

3. Click the **Add** tab to create a new range index as shown:



- 4. Configure the range index as follows:
 - a. Scalar type = string
 - b. Namespace URI = leave this empty
 - c. Localname = artist
 - d. Collation = http://marklogic.com/collation/en/S1/AS/T00BB
 - e. Range value positions = false
 - f. Invalid values = reject
- 5. Your index should appear as follows:





6. Click **OK** to create the index.

Ouestion:

When are indexes created?

Answer:

Indexes are created in real time as documents are ingested into MarkLogic. When a document write (or update) commits, that document and its indexes are ready for action.

Question:

Since our documents have already been loaded, what happens when we create new indexes?

Answer

This will cause the database to reindex if the database has reindexing turned on. For the scope of our sample application, this is not a large cost. But at scale, the cost could be significant. You can see the status of a reindex operation using the Admin tool on the database status page.



Exercise 3: Automate Index Deployment with the Management REST API

In the prior exercise, we created a single range index by hand using the Admin interface. This is a valid way to work, and in fact may be the way you choose to configure a brand new project that you are building on your development environment.

However, a fully functioning application may require many database configurations to be made, such as: multiple range indexes, term list index settings, fields and word query setup. It would be time consuming and error prone to do this manually each time you migrated the project to a new environment.

MarkLogic provides ways to help automate this process:

One option is to model your database configuration as a JSON (or XML) document and then use the Management REST API to deploy that configuration the appropriate hosts.

Another option involves using a GUI tool called configuration manager.

In this exercise we will look at using the Management REST API to deploy all the indexes that are needed for our project.

- 1. Navigate to **c:\mls-developer-node\Unit08** and open **database-config.json** in a text editor.
- 2. Take a few minutes to study the configuration details.
- 3. Note that several additional term list indexes are being enabled:

```
{
    "word-positions": true,
    "fast-phrase-searches": true,
    "triple-index": true,
    "fast-case-sensitive-searches": true,
    "fast-diacritic-sensitive-searches": true,
    "fast-element-word-searches": true,
    "fast-element-phrase-searches": true,
    "uri-lexicon": true,
    "collection-lexicon": true,
```

4. Note that several element range indexes are configured:

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```
"range-element-index": [
    "scalar-type": "string",
    "namespace-uri": null,
    "localname": "artist",
    "collation": "http://marklogic.com/collation/en/51/AS/T00BB",
    "range-value-positions": false,
    "invalid-values": "reject"
    "scalar-type": "string",
    "namespace-uri": null,
    "localname": "genre",
    "collation": "http://marklogic.com/collation/en/S1/AS/T00BB",
    "range-value-positions": false,
    "invalid-values": "reject"
},
{
    "scalar-type": "string",
    "namespace-uri": null,
    "localname": "genre",
"collation": "http://marklogic.com/collation/",
    "range-value-positions": false,
    "invalid-values": "reject"
    "scalar-type": "string",
    "namespace-uri": null,
    "localname": "title",
    "collation": "http://marklogic.com/collation/en/S1/AS/T00BB",
    "range-value-positions": false,
```

- 5. Next, let's deploy this configuration to our database using the Management REST API.
- 6. Navigate to c:\mls-developer-node\Unit08 and open deploy-database-config.txt.
- 7. Study the cURL command and then copy it.
- 8. Open a command line window and navigate to **c:\curl**.
- 9. Paste the curl command into the command line window and execute it in order to deploy the database configuration.
- 10. When successful, you should receive a 204 response:

```
HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
Server: MarkLogic
Content-Length: 0
Connection: Keep-Alive
Keep-Alive: timeout=5
```

11. Review your new database configuration using the Admin interface (http://localhost:8001).

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Exercise 4: Capture a Database Configuration

Now that you have your database configured, you may wish to capture a snapshot of your environment for documentation purposes or to share with other developers on your team. In order to do this, we will use a MarkLogic tool called Configuration Manager.

Configuration Manager performs two important functions. The first function is to provide a read only GUI interface for viewing your MarkLogic resource configurations. Because information is read only, it makes sense to provide access to this tool for those people on your team who need to view configuration data from time to time, but are not MarkLogic Administrators and therefore should not be able to use the Admin interface and make any configuration changes.

A second use for Configuration Manager is to take an export of your MarkLogic resource configuration data at a given point in time. This could be used for documentation purposes or to deploy those resources on another host.

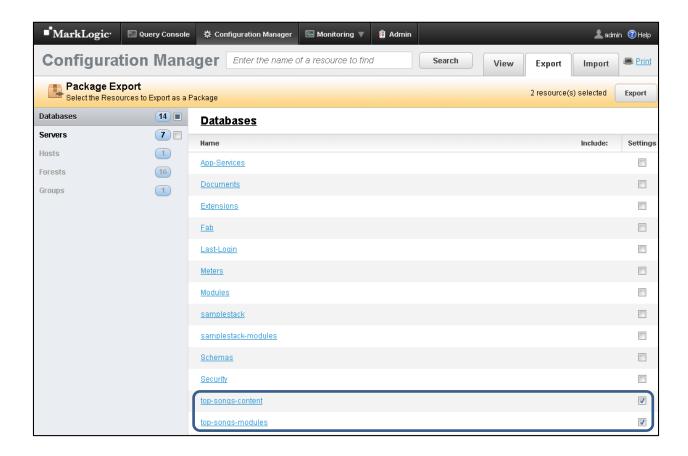
In this exercise we will use Configuration Manager to view our app server and database configuration in MarkLogic and take an export of that data for future reference.

- 1. In a browser navigate to http://localhost:8000
- 2. Click the Configuration Manager icon:



- 3. From the databases list, select your **top-songs-content** database to view its configuration.
- 4. Click the **Export** tab.
- 5. On the databases page, select the **settings** checkbox for your **top-songs-content** and **top-songs-modules** databases as shown:





- 6. Select **Servers** from the left hand column navigation pane.
- 7. Select the settings checkbox for the **top-songs-appserver** and **top-songs-xdbc** servers as shown:



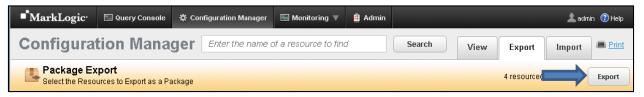
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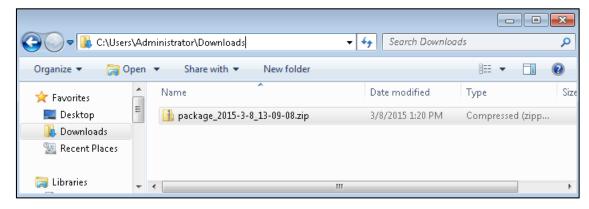
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8. Click the **Export** button:



9. A zip file containing your configuration data will be created and placed in the Downloads folder on your machine:





DIY: Setup Star Wars Indexes

In this exercise you will configure some of the indexes that the final Star Wars application will need in order to function correctly. Once complete, you will test the final application.

Use the Admin interface to setup indexes on the **star-wars-content** database as follows:

- 1. Create a range index of type **double** on the **height** property.
- 2. Create a range index of type **string** on the **name** property.

Hint:

Element range indexes apply for both XML elements and JSON properties.

- 3. Next, let's test the application.
- 4. From the command line navigate to **c:\star-wars**:

```
G:\Users\Administrator>cd c:\star-wars
c:\star-wars>_
```

5. Enter the command **node app.js** and press enter. You should see the following response:



- 6. Open a new browser tab and navigate to http://localhost:8080.
- 7. You should see the following page:



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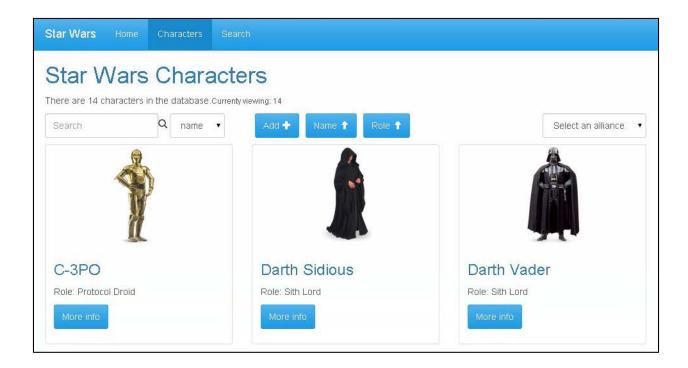


8. Click the Characters tab and view some of the data that you loaded:

Note:

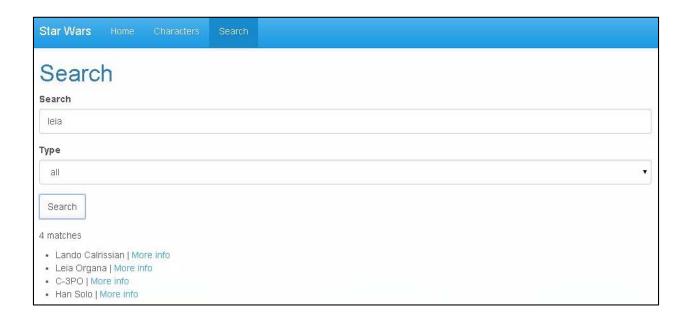
If you didn't meet all the defined requirements in the earlier DIY labs, your application may not function.

Consult your instructor for assistance if needed.



9. Click on the search tab and experiment with different queries and results:





- 10. Explore the code in your editor at **c:\star-wars**
- 11. Take a look at /public/js/characters/character-search/starwars.search.controller.js:
- 12. Notice how the keys are being set based on the user selection in the "type" drop down box.

```
function Search($routeParams, datafactory) {
  var vm = this;
  var name = $routeParams.name;
  var key = '';
  vm.results = [];
  vm.types = ['all', 'homeworld', 'name'];
  vm.type = 'all';

vm.search = function() {
  if (vm.type === 'all') {
    key = '';
  } else {
    key = vm.type;
  }
  if (vm.searchterm) {
    datafactory.search(key, vm.searchterm)
    .then(function(results) {
       vm.results = results;
    });
  }
}
```



- 13. Take a look at c:\star-wars\routes.js
- 14. This is where the MarkLogic Node.js client API code is built.
- 15. Look at the function controlling the search.
- 16. Note that it gathers the parameters from the user input and passes the key and the term to a function called **search**:

```
var apisearch = function apisearch(req, res) {
   var key = req.params.key;
   var term = req.params.term;
   search(key, term).then(function(documents) {
      res.json(documents);
   });
};
```

17. Finally, let's take a look at the **search** function (also in routes.js):

18. Note that it is performing a word query against a specific property or against the document as a whole, depending on what was selected by the user on the front end and then passed into the function.