

Searching Your Data with Elasticsearch



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Elasticsearch Demo Project

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Search is one of the primary ways we interact with applications to find relevant data

Search results often fail at delivering relevant results

Search is hard!

We don't always use the
right tools

Product requirements for
search are often
incomplete or incorrect

Search engines were very
complex

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and improving with more
features

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delivering the right search
results

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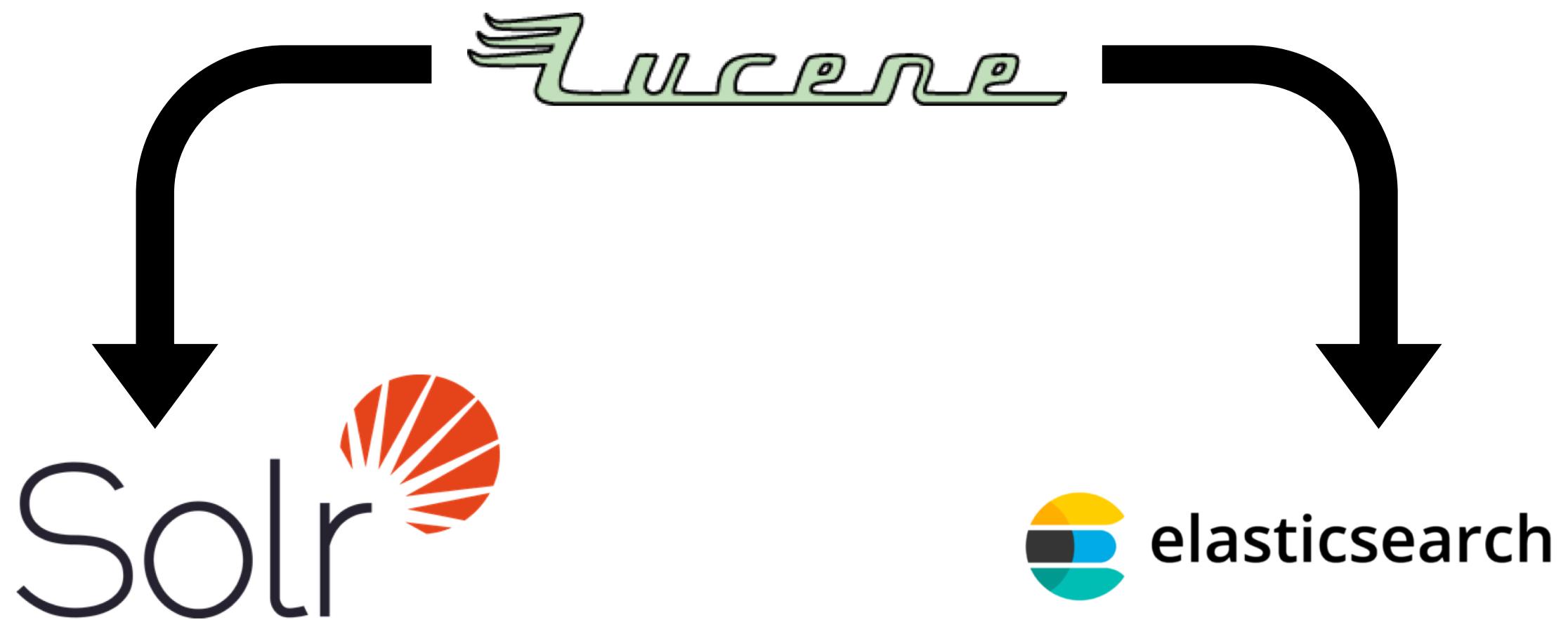
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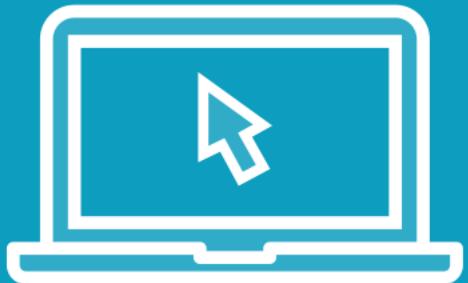
Elasticsearch Features



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- Search and analytics engine
- API-driven
- Document-based
- Analyzers
- Search query DSL
- Aggregations

Demo



- Start the Elasticsearch Docker image
- Interact with Kibana



Elasticsearch Runtime



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- AWS Elasticsearch Service
- Elasticsearch Service
- Standalone
- Container



Elasticsearch - Shard



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- Lucene index
- Hosted on an Elasticsearch Node
- Horizontal scaling of data
- Replicas provide failover, H/A



Elasticsearch - Node



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- Single Elasticsearch server
- Part of an Elasticsearch cluster
- Manages cluster communication



Elasticsearch - Cluster



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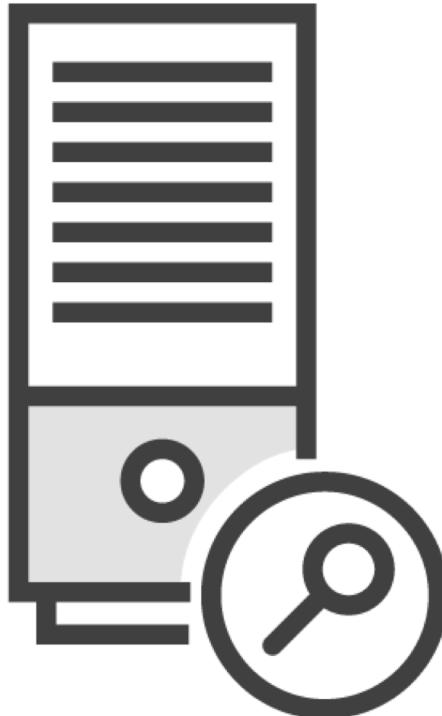
- Collection of nodes
- Unique name where nodes register

Docker - elasticsearch.yml

```
services:  
  foodfacts-elasticsearch:  
    image: docker.elastic.co/elasticsearch/elasticsearch:6.4.0  
    environment:  
      - cluster.name=docker-cluster  
    ports:  
      - 9200:9200  
      - 9300:9300  
  foodfacts-elasticsearch2:  
  foodfacts-kibana:  
    image: docker.elastic.co/kibana/kibana:6.4.0  
    port:  
      - 5601:5601
```

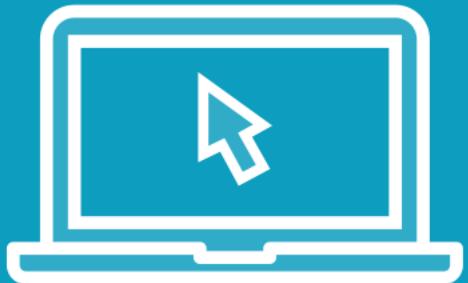
Use capacity planning to determine scale

Sample Case – Scale



- AWS Elasticsearch 5.3
- 4 x m4.xlarge
- 80M+ documents

Demo



- Create an index
- Load data into the index

Data Source

<https://static.openfoodfacts.org/data/data-fields.txt>



Elasticsearch - Index



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- Collection of similar documents
- Settings
- Mappings
- Fields

food_product_index_v1

```
{  
  "settings": {  
    "number_of_shards": 2,  
    "number_of_replicas": 1  
  },  
  "mappings": {  
    "product": {  
      "properties": {  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```
"code": {  
    "type": "keyword",  
    "index": "false"  
}
```

food_product_index_v1.json

```
"productName": {  
    "type": "text"  
}
```

food_product_v1.json

Found in resources folder of the project

```
"brands": {  
    "type": "nested",  
    "properties": {  
        "name": {  
            "type": "text"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

food_product_v1.json

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Elasticsearch - Document



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- Contains the data
- Conforms to an index mapping
- Structured as JSON



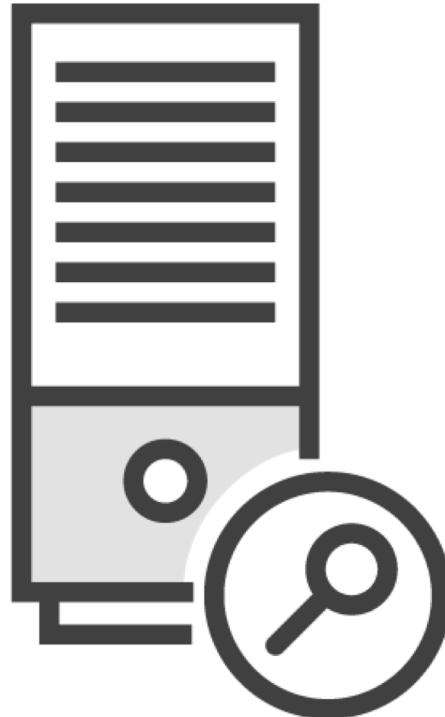
Elasticsearch - Types



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- Logical partitioning of an index
- Required and restricted
- Deprecated

Sample Case – Structure



- Used for NoSQL DB and search
- 12 indexes for domain entities
- 2 indexes with aggregated data

Process for Indexing Content



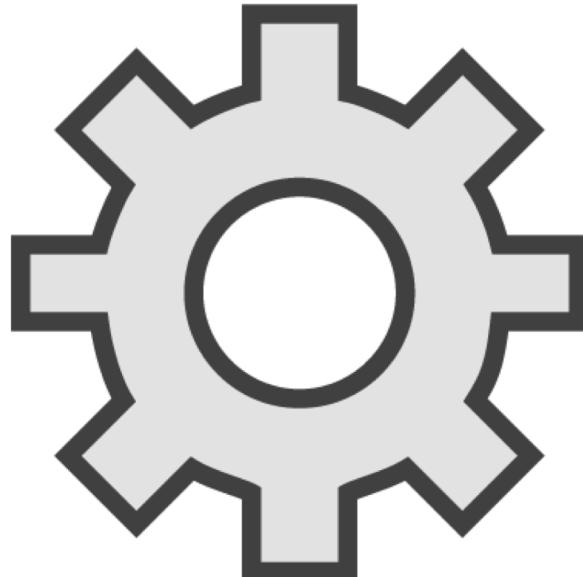
Extract data from a
source

70847811169,Monster Energy,monster monster-energy

openfoodfacts_search.csv



Data Extraction Considerations



- **Streaming input**
- **Batch input**
- **Source of truth**

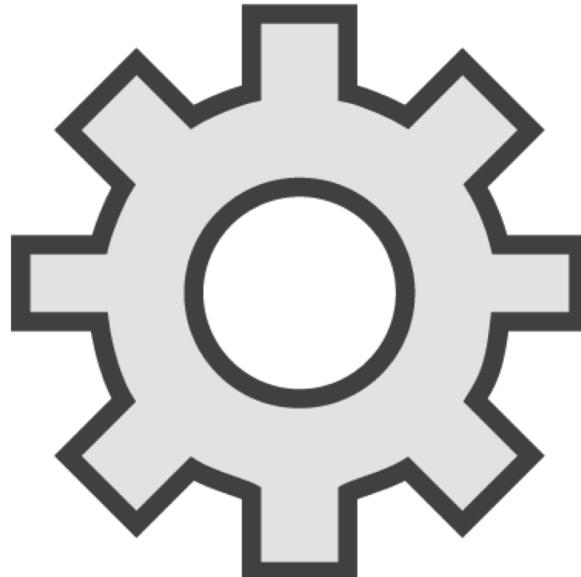
Enrich the data

```
{  
  "code" :"0070847811169",  
  "productName" :"Monster Energy",  
  "brands": [  
    {"name" :"monster"}, {"name" :"monster-energy"}  
  ]  
}
```

openfoodfacts.txt



Data Enrichment Considerations

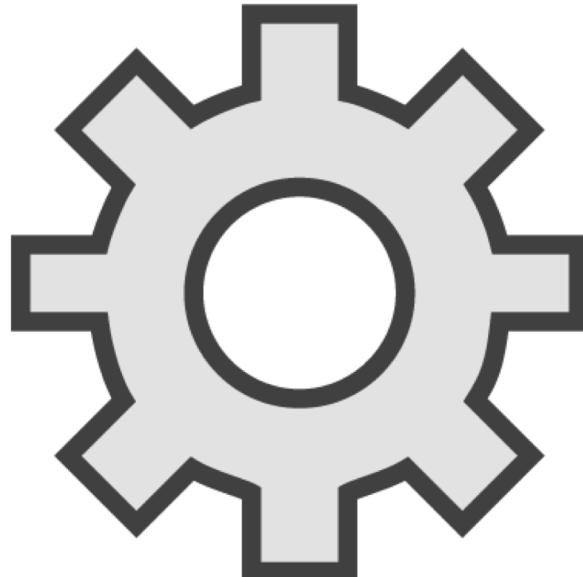


- Index only what you need
- Derived fields
- Use analyzers when possible

Analyze the data

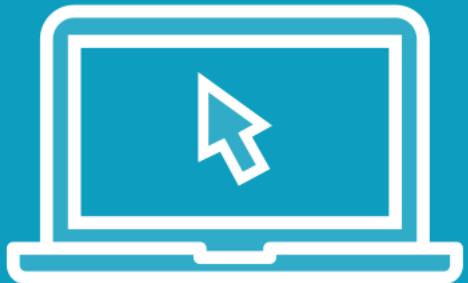


Analysis Breakdown



- **Character filtering**
- **Tokenization**
- **Token filtering**

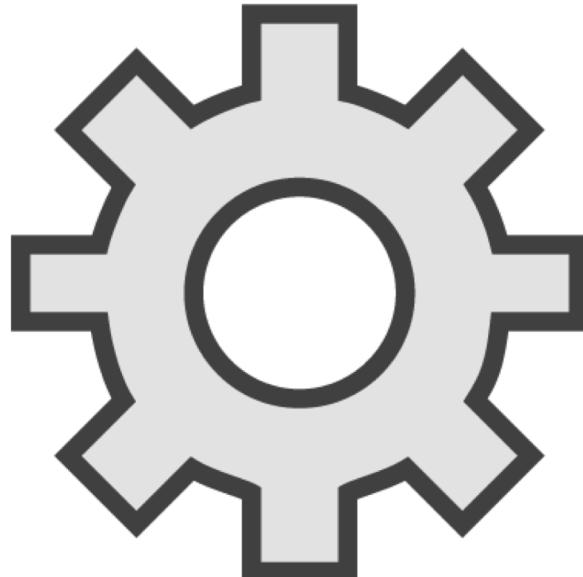
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- Analyzer API

Index the data

Indexing Breakdown



- **Tokens and meta-data are stored**
- **Inverted index**

Inverted Index

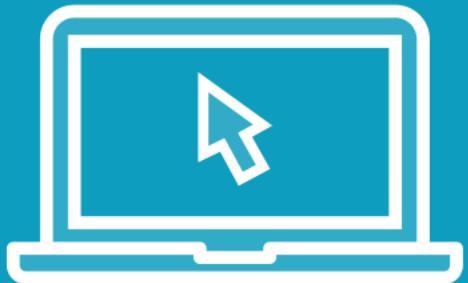
Document ID	Text
1	Natural coconut water
2	Natural Mineral Water

Term	Freq	Document IDs
coconut	1	1
mineral	1	2
natural	2	1,2
water	2	1,2

Dictionary

Postings

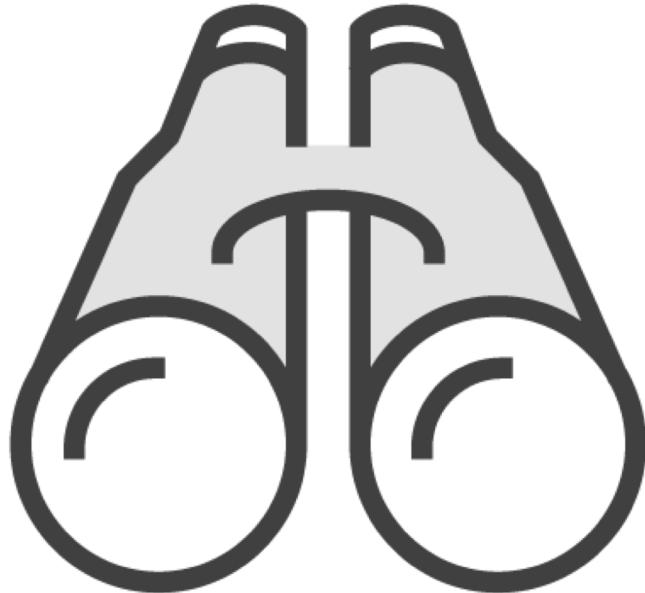
Demo



- Boolean search
- Function Score search



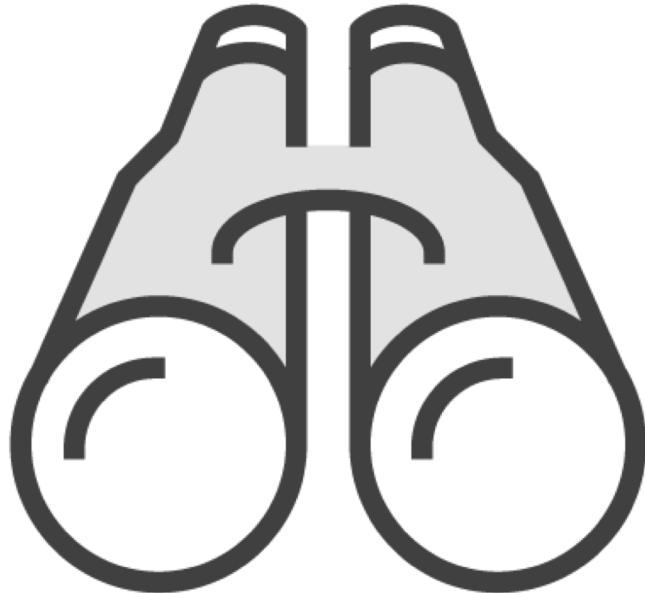
Elasticsearch Queries



- Relevancy search
- Boolean search



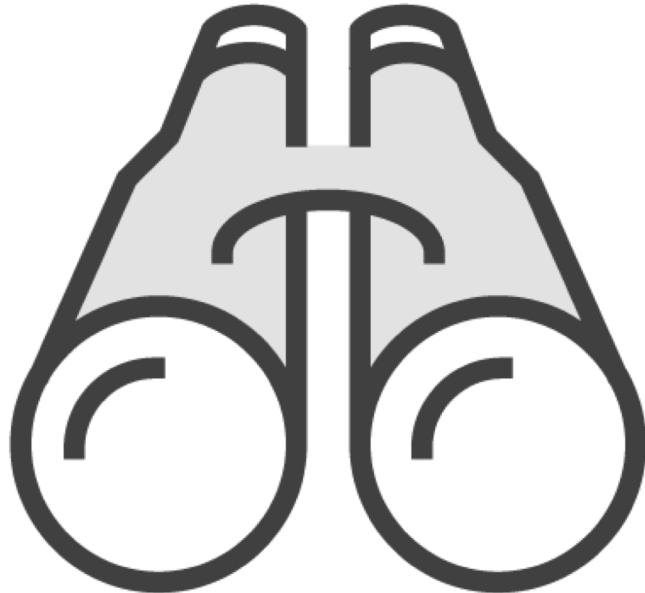
Elasticsearch Queries – Boolean



- Must
- Should
- Must not
- Combine queries

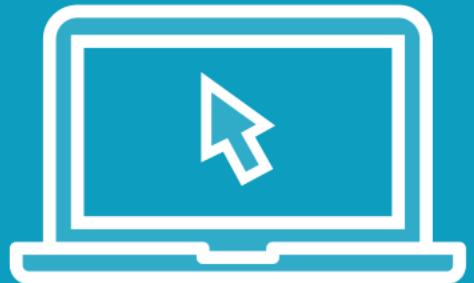


Elasticsearch Queries – Function Score



- Boost the rating function of a query
- Filters
- Weights
- Term Frequency
- Inverse Document Frequency

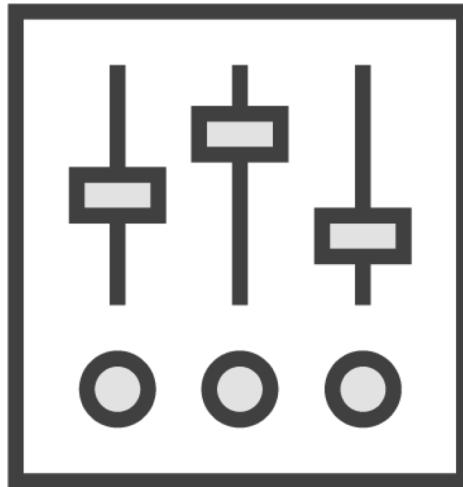
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- Aggregation

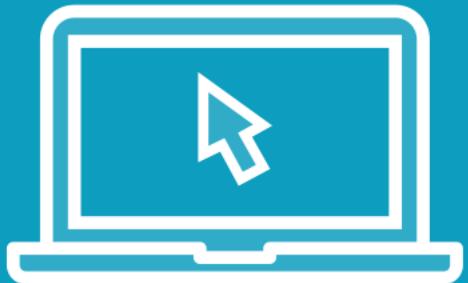


Elasticsearch – Aggregations



- Support building summaries of data
- Refinements
- Performance considerations

Demo



- Autocomplete



Additional Lessons Learned



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- Clear understanding of expectations
- Search is an evolving feature
- Real-time processing
- Flatten the index
- Use a template library to build queries
- Breaking changes

Thank You!