A **catalog server** provides a single point of access that allows users to centrally search for information across a distributed network. In other words, it indexes databases, files and information across large network and allows keywords, Boolean and other searches. If you need to provide a comprehensive searching service for your [intranet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intranet), [extranet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extranet) or even the [Internet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet), a catalog server is a standard solution.