FINDWISE SEARCH DRIVEN SOLUTIONS



Hydra

An Open Source Document Processing Framework

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- · Founded in 2005
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- · 82 employees (May 2012)
- Our objective is to be a leading provider of **Findability** solutions utilising the full potential of search technology to create customer business value

















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Creating search-driven Findability solutions based on marketleading commercial and open source search technology platforms:

- **Autonomy IDOL**
- Microsoft (SharePoint and FAST Search products)
- Google GSA
- IBM ICA/OmniFind
- LucidWorks
- Apache Lucene/Solr ü













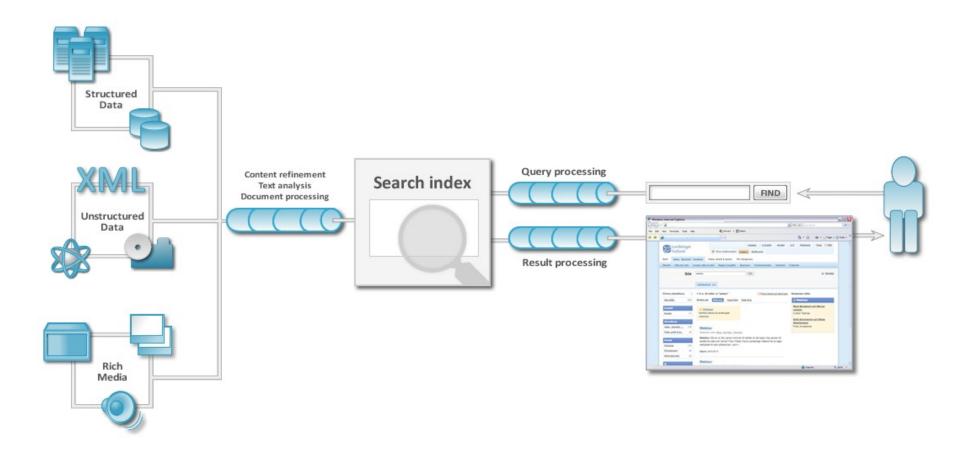
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Generic Search Architecture





Connecting source to search

Garbage in, garbage out. But what about unstructured data in?

- · Flat data is richer than it appears
- Don't discard information too soon!

The unstructured structured data paradox

Example: News articles

Plain text that contains invaluable metadata for search, such as:

- · Title
- Author byline
- Lead paragraph

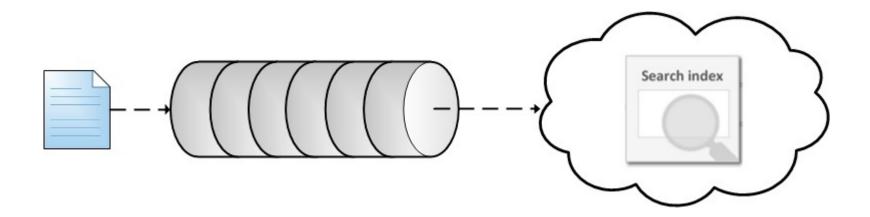


Enrichment and structuring possibilities

- · Enrich your documents with metadata, to power your search
 - Language detection
 - Sentiment analysis
 - Headline extraction
 - Regular expression matching and extraction
- Filter out unwanted documents
- Collect statistics
- Export to Staging environments

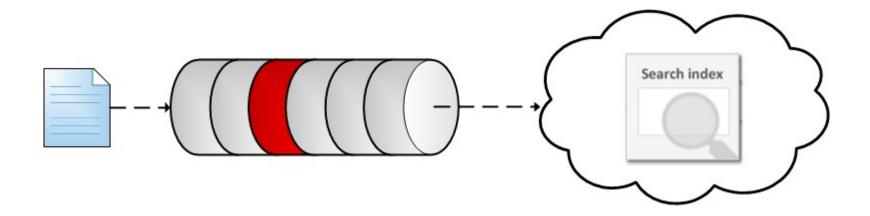


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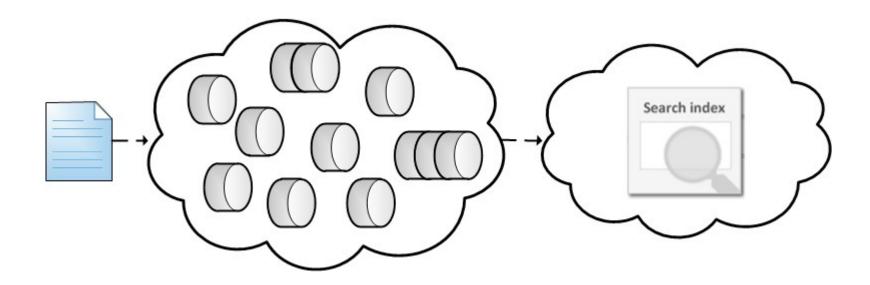


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The Hydra Architecture





Main Design Objectives

Scalability

- Horizontally scalable central repository
- Independent processing nodes

Failiure tolerant

- Failiure of a stage affects only a single document
- Failiure of a node affects at most n documents
- Failiures can be automaticly detected

Robustness

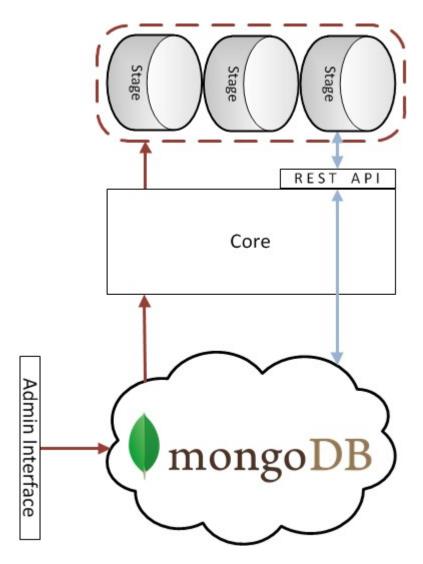
Independent stages

Development ease

- Debug stages from IDE against actual data
- Allow test driven pipeline development



The Hydra Architecture





Writing a Stage - Example

```
@Stage(description="This is a Simple Writer")
public class SimpleWriter extends AbstractProcessStage {
    @Parameter(description="Name of field to write value to")
    private String field;
    @Parameter(description="Value to write")
    private Object value;
    @Override
    public void process(LocalDocument doc) throws ProcessException {
         doc.putContentField(field, value);
    @Override
    public void init() throws RequiredArgumentMissingException {
         if(field==null) throw new RequiredArgumentMissingException("field is missing");
    }
```



Hadoop/Big Data integration

Usecases for document enrichment

- Pagerank
- Analytics

Hadoop & Map/Reduce advantages

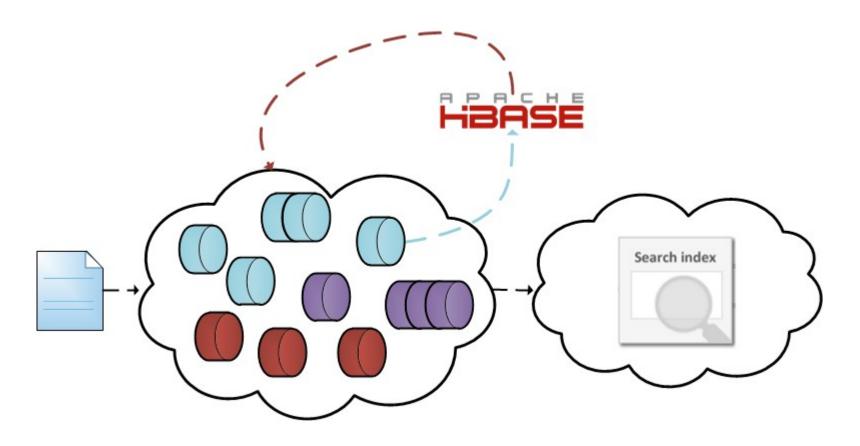
- Huge scalability
- Ability to work on entire document set at once

Hadoop & Map/Reduce drawbacks

- Batch processing
- Time-to-index



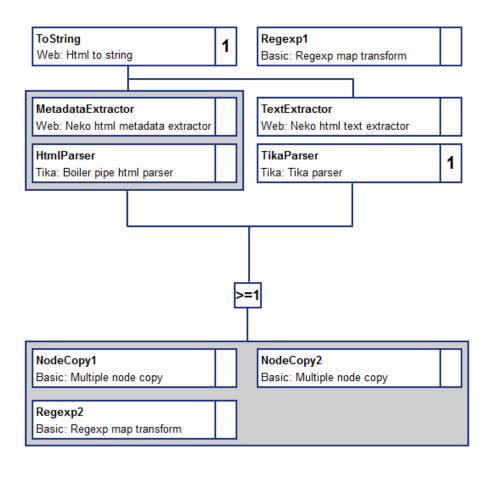
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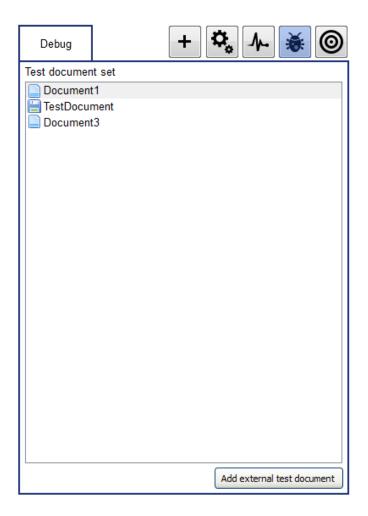


Blue – First round of indexing only Red – Second round of indexing Purple – All documents



Future Configuration UI







Open Source initiative

- Other committers
- · The role of Findwise

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Questions?



Thankyou!

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