

# Elasticsearch in Ecommerce

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# about

- Me

Interested in metrics, ops and the web

Likes the JVM

Working with elasticsearch since 2011

- Elasticsearch, founded in 2012

Products: Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana

Professional services: Support & development subscriptions

Trainings

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Ecommerce Use-Cases
  - Product/Full-text search
  - Logfiles
  - Analytics
- Elasticsearch 1.0
- Q & A

# Introduction

# Unstructured search

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 **spinscale/elasticsearch-suggest-plugin** Java ★ 103 📄 23  
Plugin for **elasticsearch** which uses the lucene FST Suggester  
Last updated 4 days ago

◀ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ... 31 32 ▶

How are these search results? [Tell us!](#)

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# Suggestions



**GitHub** This repository:

**elasticsearch**

- elasticsearch/elasticsearch#1726 **debian** package violates naming convention
- elasticsearch/elasticsearch#3571 **debian** package init-script: start-stop-daemon ne
- elasticsearch/elasticsearch#1681 **Debian** pkg
- elasticsearch/elasticsearch#3286 There is no official **debian/ubun**tu repository
- elasticsearch/elasticsearch#3500 Elasticsearch should include **debian**'s standard j
- elasticsearch/elasticsearch#1526 Moving **debian** package to maven

Search elasticsearch/elasticsearch for 'debian'

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**New Issue**

1 2 3 ... 19

**Labels**

- Lucene 4.5 Upgrade
- breaking
- bug
- enhancement
- feature
- non-issue

**Issues**

- NoShardAvailableActionException** in ES 0.90.3 on startup #3700  
Opened by richardwilly98 a day ago
- Feature Request: Don't reindex the document when updating non-indexed fields** #3696  
Opened by dorian 2 days ago 4 comments

# Elasticsearch in 10 seconds

- Schema-free, REST & JSON based distributed document store
- Open Source: Apache License 2.0
- Zero configuration
- Written in Java, extensible

XING 



foursquare



LiveChat 

loggly



elasticsearch.

# Zero configuration

```
$ wget https://download.elasticsearch.org/...  
$ tar -xf elasticsearch-1.0.0.RC1.tar.gz  
$ ./elasticsearch-1.0.0.RC1/bin/elasticsearch -f  
...  
[2014-01-19 14:53:11,508][INFO ][node] [Scanner] started  
...
```

# Is it alive?

```
» curl localhost:9200
```

```
{  
  "status" : 200,  
  "name" : "Scanner",  
  "version" : {  
    "number" : "1.0.0",  
    "build_hash" : "e018cda7e7a32643d59e0ac3cdb412ccc239af04",  
    "build_timestamp" : "2014-01-17T15:11:47Z",  
    "build_snapshot" : true,  
    "lucene_version" : "4.6"  
  },  
  "tagline" : "You Know, for Search"  
}
```

# Create...

```
» curl -XPUT localhost:9200/books/book/1 -d '{
  "title" : "Elasticsearch – The definitive guide",
  "authors" : "Clinton Gormley",
  "started" : "2013-02-04",
  "pages" : 230
}'
```

# Update...

```
» curl -XPUT localhost:9200/books/book/1 -d '{
  "title" : "Elasticsearch – The definitive guide",
  "authors" : [ "Clinton Gormley", "Zachary Tong" ],
  "started" : "2013-02-04",
  "pages" : 230
}'
```

# Delete...

```
» curl -X DELETE localhost:9200/books/book/1
```

# Realtime GET...

```
» curl -X GET localhost:9200/books/book/1
```

```
» curl -X GET localhost:9200/books/book/1/_source
```

# Search

```
» curl -XGET localhost:9200/books/_search?q=elasticsearch
```

```
{
  "took" : 2, "timed_out" : false,
  "_shards" : { "total" : 5, "successful" : 5, "failed" : 0 },
  "hits" : {
    "total" : 1, "max_score" : 0.076713204,
    "hits" : [ {
      "_index" : "books", "_type" : "book", "_id" : "1",
      "_score" : 0.076713204, "_source" : {
        "title" : "Elasticsearch - The definitive guide",
        "authors" : [ "Clinton Gormley", "Zachary Tong" ],
        "started" : "2013-02-04", "pages" : 230
      }
    } ]
  }
}
```

# Search - Query DSL

```
» curl -XGET 'localhost:9200/books/book/_search' -d '{
  "query": {
    "filtered" : {
      "query" : {
        "match": {
          "text" : {
            "query" : "To Be Or Not To Be",
            "cutoff_frequency" : 0.01
          }
        }
      },
      "filter" : {
        "range": {
          "price": {
            "gte": 20.0
            "lte": 50.0
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}'
```

# Distributed & scalable

- Replication
  - Read scalability
  - Removing SPOF
- Sharding
  - Split logical data over several machines
  - Write scalability
  - Control data flows

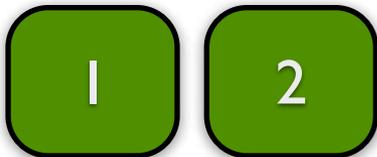
# Distributed & scalable

## node 1

### orders



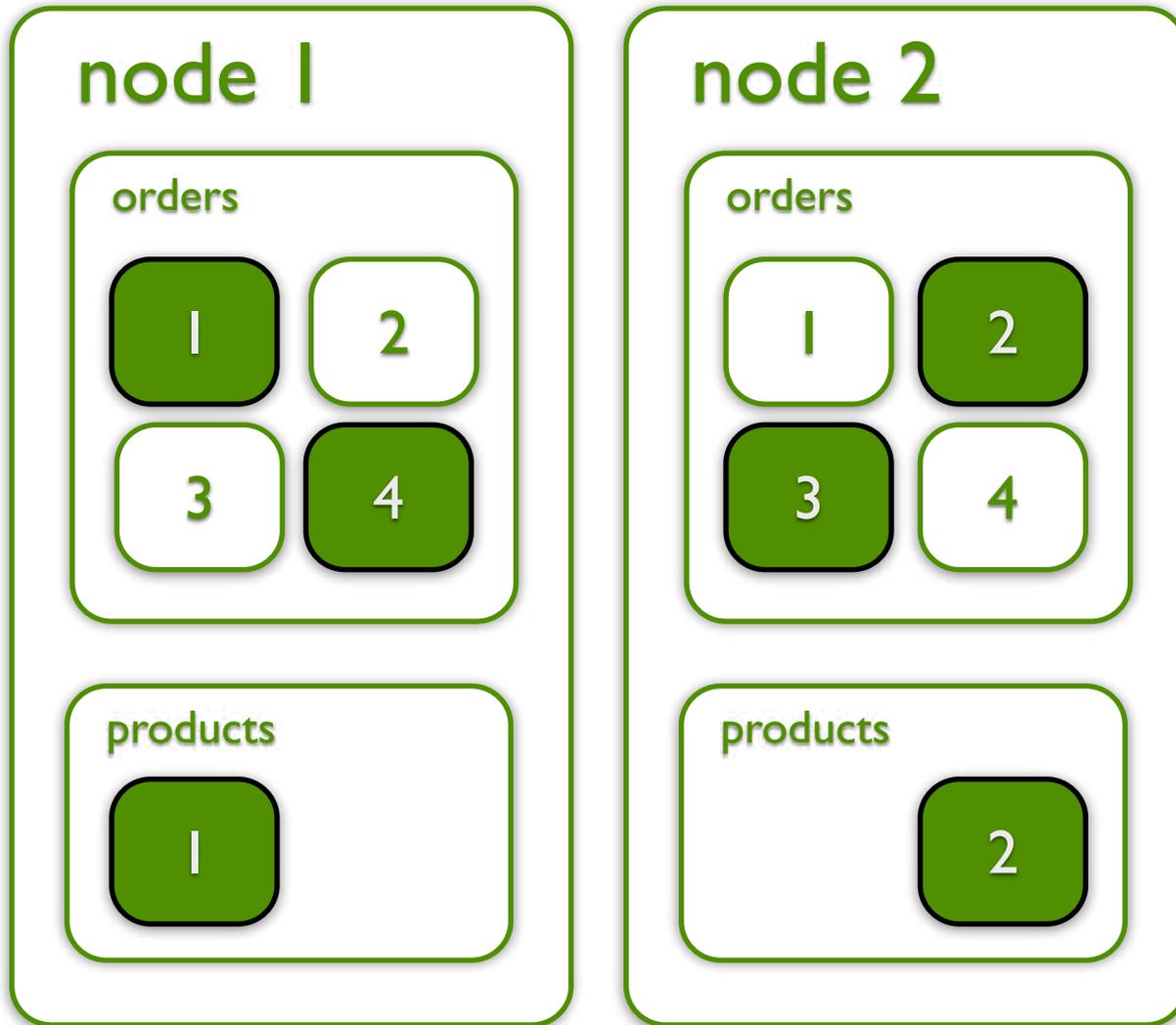
### products



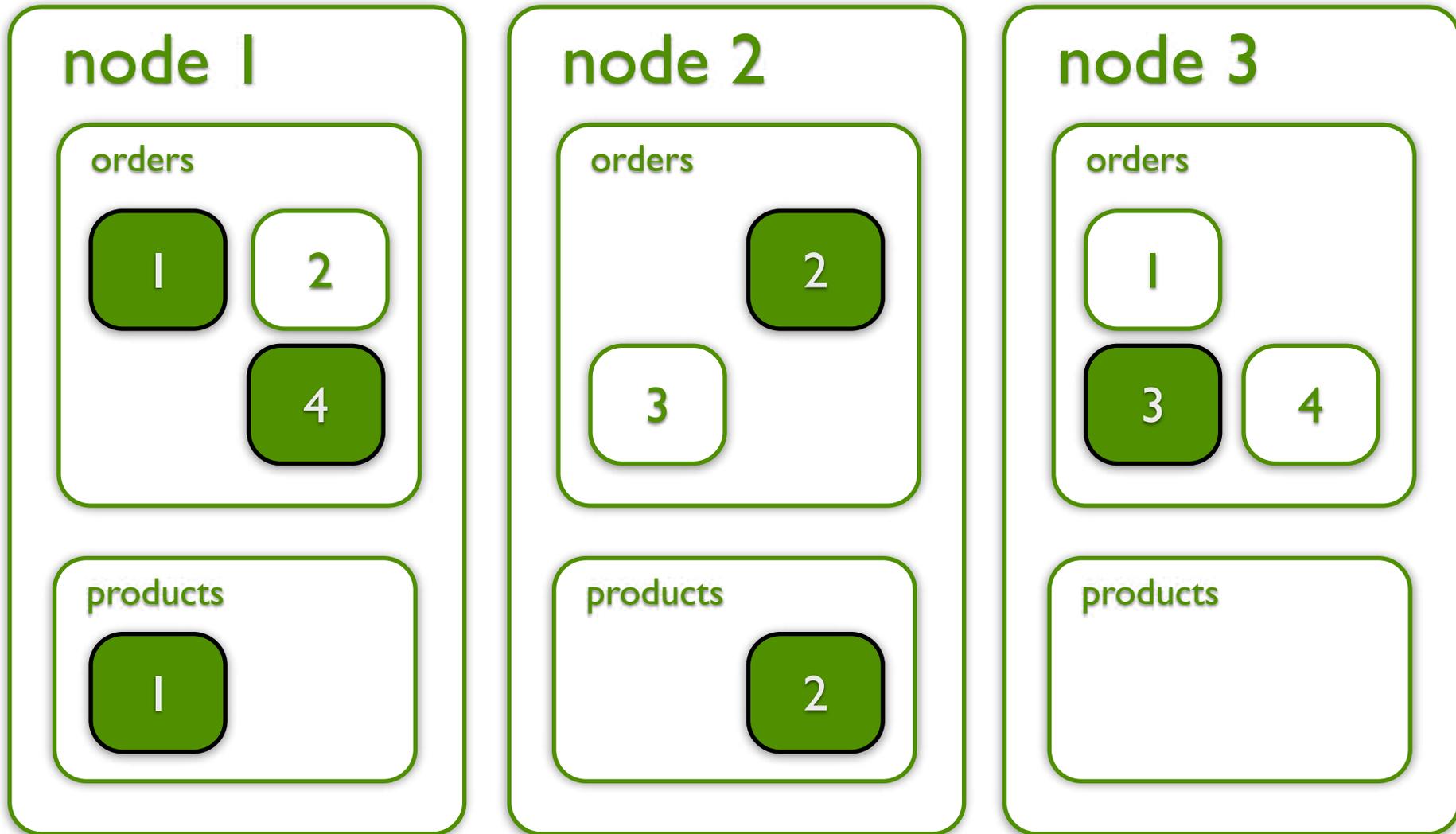
```
curl -X PUT localhost:9200/orders -d '{  
  "settings.index.number_of_shards" : 4  
  "settings.index.number_of_replicas" : 1  
}'
```

```
curl -X PUT localhost:9200/products -d '{  
  "settings.index.number_of_shards" : 2  
  "settings.index.number_of_replicas" : 0  
}'
```

# Distributed and scalable



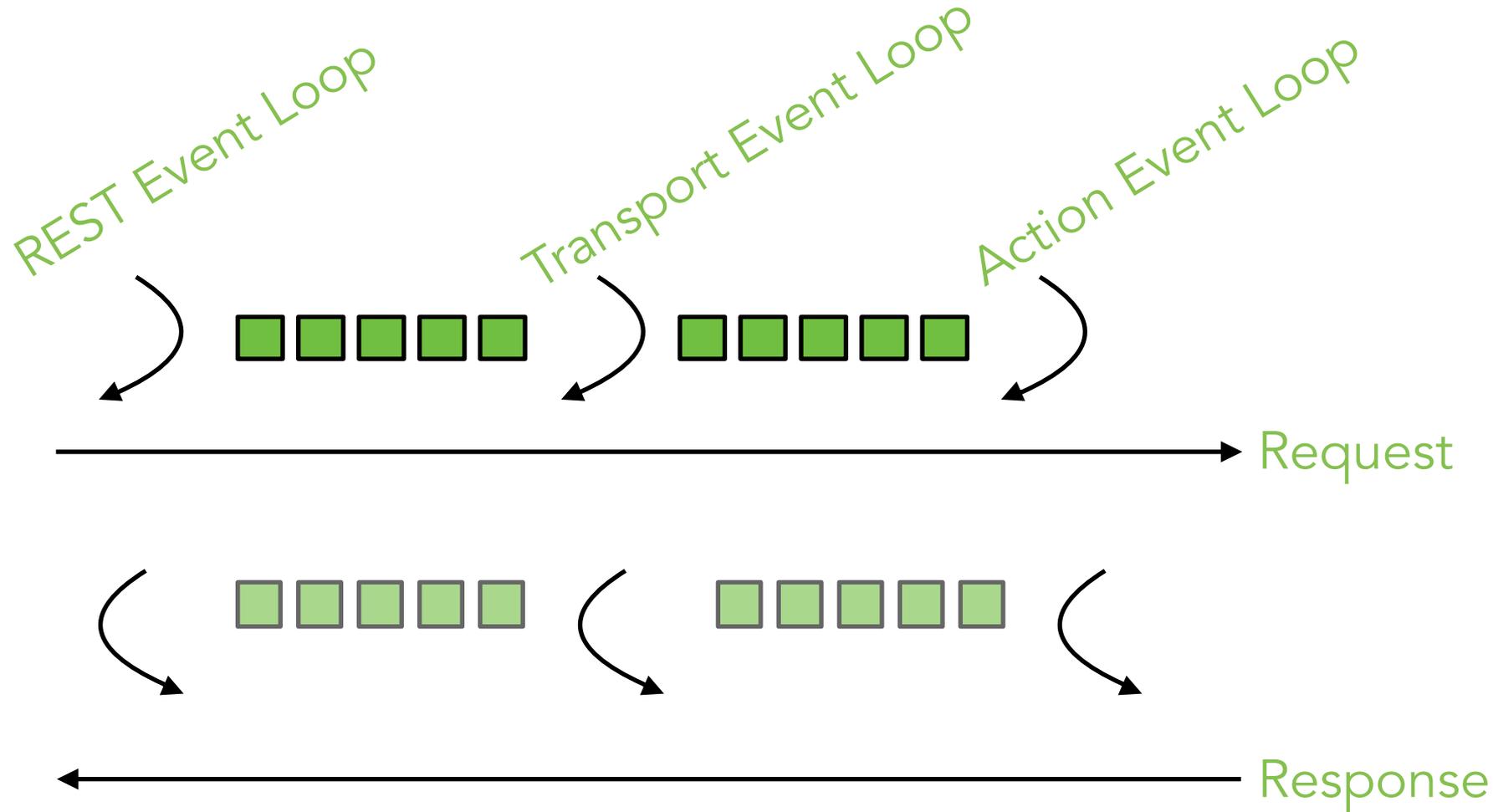
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# Distributed & scalable

- JVM (high level & high performance if done right)
- Netty (async networking on top of the JVM)
- Lucene (fulltext search library)
- HPPC (high performance primitive collections)
- Google Guice (for extension & dependencies)

# A request under the hood



# Think async!

- Enforces event driven architecture
- Support for non-blocking model
- Enforce loose coupling
- Prefers push over pull
- Callback based concurrency
- Helps to avoid contention on resources / threads

# Ecosystem

- Plugins
- Clients for many languages  
Ruby, python, php, perl, javascript, (.NET coming)  
Scala, clojure, go
- Kibana
- Logstash
- Hadoop integration

# Use-case: Product search engine

# Product search engine

- Just index all your products and be happy?  
Search is not that easy
- Gathered experience at an b2b ecommerce platform in the hotel and gastronomy sector  
First solution was self written using bobo/zoie turned out to be unmaintainable  
Switched to elasticsearch then
- Decomponding, Suggestions, Faceting, Custom scoring, Analytics, Price agents, Query optimization, beyond search

# Domain specific knowledge

- Search term: Topf  
What is expected? Blumentopf? Kochtopf?  
Or: Tuch (Handtuch, Halstuch, Geschirrtuch)  
Or: Decke (Tischdecke, Löschdecke, Mitteldecke)
- Decompounding (compound word token filter)  
Blumentopf also needs to match Leuchtblumentopf
- Synonyms  
Portmonee/Portemonnaie/Geldbörse

# Neutrality? Really?

- Is full-text search relevancy really your preferred scoring algorithm?
- Possible influential factors
  - Age of the product, been ordered in last 24h
  - On stock?
  - Provision
  - No shipping costs
  - Special offer
  - Rating (product or seller)

<http://www.elasticsearch.org/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/current/query-dsl-function-score-query.html>

# Faceting & Filtering

- Products grouped by  
Category  
Material  
Brand
- Allowing to filter  
All of the facets  
Price range  
Color  
Seller  
Ratings (hard!)

## Kategorien

Elektronik & Foto

Fernseher

+ Mehr...

+ Alle 35 Kategorien

## Versandoption (Was ist das?)

- Kostenlose Lieferung ab EUR 20 Bestellwert

## Displaygröße von Fernsehern

- 51 cm (20") & kleiner  
 53 - 59 cm (21-23")  
 61 - 76 cm (24-30")  
 79 - 99 cm (31-39")  
 102 - 114 cm (40-45")  
 116 - 120 cm (46-47")  
 121 - 140 cm (48-55")  
 142 cm (56") & mehr

## Fernseher-Funktionalität

- Smart / Internet  
 3D  
 HbbTV

## Farbe



## Fernseher-Seitenverhältnis

- 16:9 Wide screen  
 4:3 Standard

## Displaytechnologie von Fernsehern

- LED Backlight  
 LCD  
 Plasma

## Durchschn. Kundenrezension

- ★★★★☆ & mehr  
★★★★☆ & mehr  
★★★☆☆ & mehr  
★☆☆☆☆ & mehr

# Product variants?

- How to handle product variants?
  - Same product by the same merchant
  - Same product in different sizes, colours (clothing)
- Solution: Patched elasticsearch with grouping support, which was done by creating an image hash from the image and grouping on it
- Unsolved: Same product by different merchant
  - Unless the exact same image is used, unlikely
- Better solution: Parent/child support

# Notification with Percolation

- Customer: If a product matches name  $X$  and costs below price  $Y$ , is color  $Z$ , then I want to get a mail  
More likely: Notify customer, when it is back on stock
- Enter percolation!  
Not: Index a document and fire a query  
But: Index a query and check a document against if it matches

<https://speakerdeck.com/javanna/whats-new-in-percolator>

# More than pure search

- Users (ab)use the search bar for everything  
Imprint, Careers, Jobs, special offer  
Requires a special component between web app and search  
which redirects for special search terms to landing pages
- Analytics  
Save all your queries, and analyze  
Most searched terms  
Most searched terms with zero results  
Searched terms, which lead to an add-to-cart action  
Searched terms, which lead to complete abort

# Beware: Data quality

- Data quality can kill all your search improvements in no time
  - Tough bet, if you rely on external products
  - Will require you to have an own ETL pipeline, before the data goes into search or your platform (hard!)
- Less products, but more enriched results in more relevant searches
- Tough in a multi merchant environment in a non IT driven industry with lots of small businesses



Use-case:  
Log file analysis

# Enter logstash

- Managing events and logs
- Collect data
- Parse data
- Enrich data
- Store data (search and visualizing)

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- } **Input**
- } **Filter**
- } **Output**

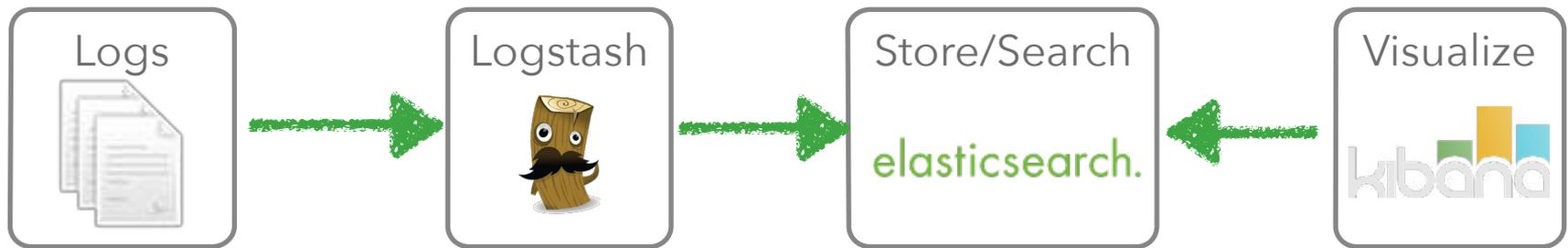
# Data pipeline

- Use a shipper to get your logfiles from all hosts to logstash or a broker (redis, rabbitmq, flume)
- Run data through logstash data pipeline for enrichment
- Store data in elasticsearch
- Use kibana for dashboards and visualisation

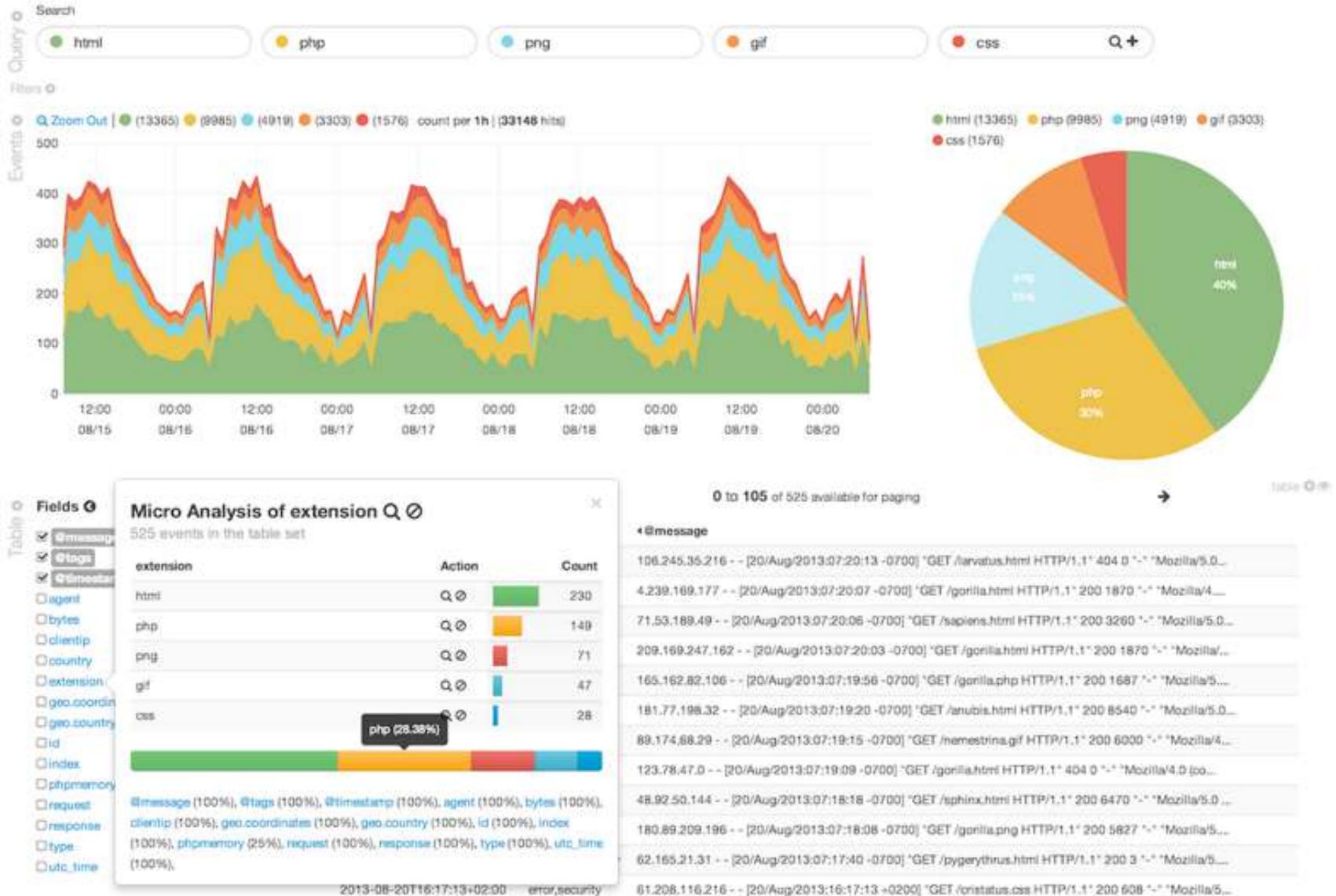
# Parsing and enrichment?

- Add geo information about an IP
- Parse multi-line exceptions from a java application
- Use grok to have tons of predefined regexes
- Metrics for event throughput information
- HTTP User-Agent extraction
- Enrichment by range values of a field

# Use case: Log files



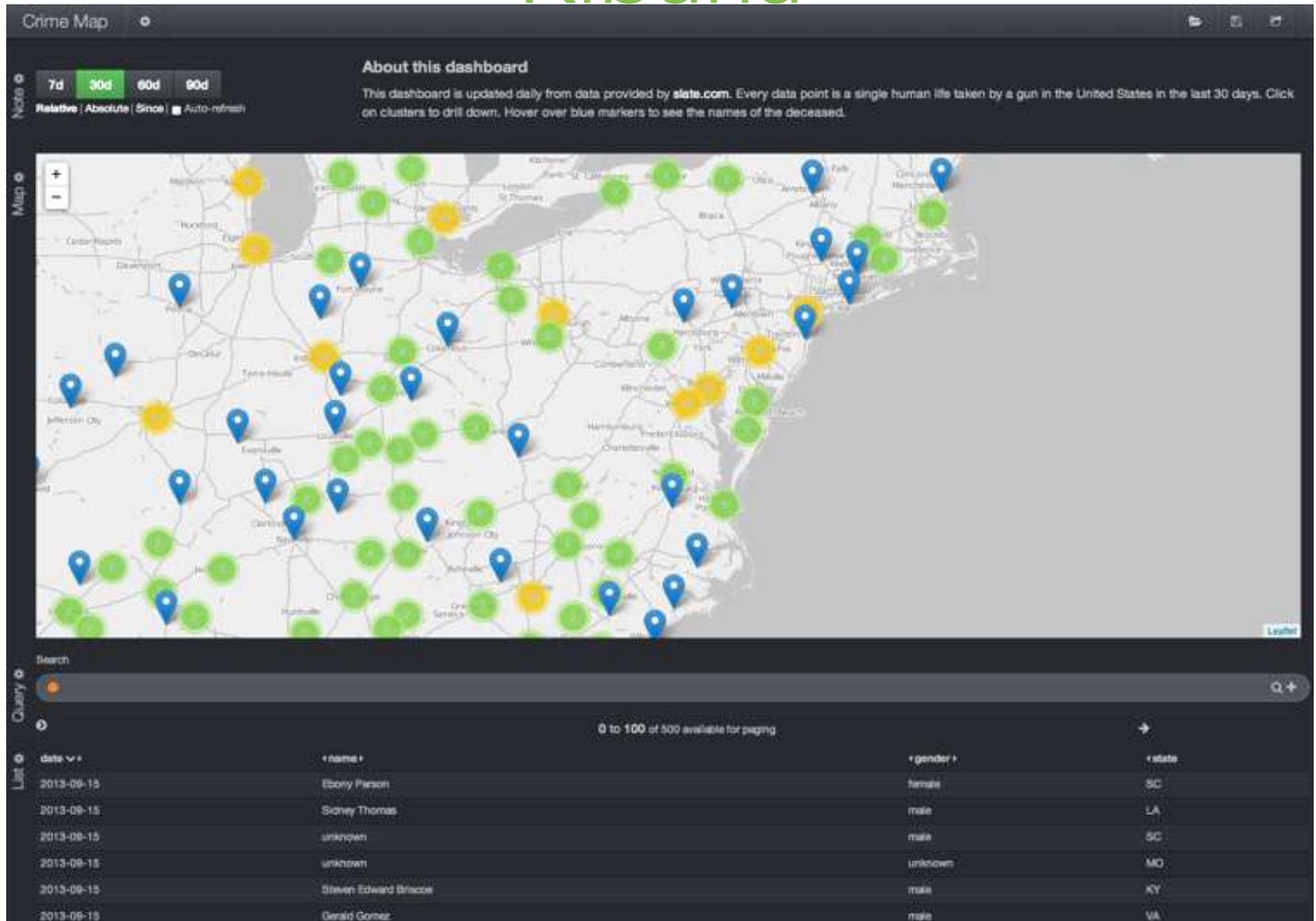
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# Not-only log files

- Analyse web streams in realtime
  - meetup.com RSVP stream
  - us gov page visits
- Billing data (payment morale?)
- IRC
  - wikipedia changes

# Use-case: Analytics

# Analytics

- Aggregation of information
- Facets are one dimensional  
Categories/brands/material of all results of this query
- Questions are multidimensional  
Average revenue per category id per day
- Enter Aggregations!

# Create knowledge from data

- Orders

How many orders were created every day in the last month?

How many orders were created per state in the last month?

- Money

What is the average revenue per shopping cart?

What is the average shopping cart size per order per hour?

- Product portfolio

Take the location of people into account for special offers?

Analyse page views: Premium or low budget ecommerce site?

# Aggregations

```
» curl -X POST 'localhost:9200/orders/order/_search' -d '{
  "aggs" : {
    "average_order_size" : {
      "avg" : { "field" : "total" }
    }
  }
}
```

```
...
"aggregations" : {
  "average_order_size" : {
    "value" : 658.369
  }
}
...
```

# Aggregations - Filters

```
{
  "aggs" : {
    "average_order_size_january" : {
      "filter" : {
        "range" : { "created_at" : { "gte" : "2014-01-01", "lt":
"2014-02-01" } } },
      "aggs" : {
        "avg" : { "avg" : { "field" : "total" } }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
...
"aggregations" : {
  "average_order_size_january" : {
    "doc_count" : 8,
    "avg" : { "value" : 540.89375 }
  }
}
...
```

# Aggregations - per day

```
{
  "aggs": {
    "by_day": {
      "filter": {
        "range": {
          "created_at": {
            "gte": "2014-01-01", "lt": "2014-02-01"
          }
        }
      },
      "aggs": {
        "monthly_filter": {
          "date_histogram": {
            "field": "created_at",
            "interval": "day",
            "format": "yyyy-MM-dd"
          },
          "aggs": {
            "average_order_size": { "avg": { "field": "total" } }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

# Aggregations - per day

```
...
"aggregations" : {
  "by_day" : {
    "doc_count" : 8,
    "monthly_filter" : [ {
      "key_as_string" : "2014-01-01",
      "key" : 1388534400000,
      "doc_count" : 136,
      "average_order_size" : {
        "value" : 380.0
      }
    }, {
      "key_as_string" : "2014-01-06",
      "key" : 1388966400000,
      "doc_count" : 256,
      "average_order_size" : {
        "value" : 502.575
      }
    }, {
    ...
```

# Aggregations - per hour

```
{
  "aggs": {
    "by_day": {
      "filter": {
        "range": {
          "created_at": { "gte": "2014-01-01", "lt": "2014-02-01" }
        }
      },
      "aggs": {
        "hourly_filter": {
          "histogram": {
            "interval": 1,
            "script": "doc[\u0027created_at\u0027].date.hourOfDay"
          },
          "aggs": {
            "average_order_size": {
              "avg": { "field": "total" }
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

# Aggregations - per hour

```
...
"aggregations" : {
  "by_day" : {
    "doc_count" : 8,
    "hourly_filter" : [ {
      "key" : 11,
      "doc_count" : 1,
      "average_order_size" : {
        "value" : 380.0
      }
    }, {
      "key" : 13,
      "doc_count" : 1,
      "average_order_size" : {
        "value" : 450.15
      }
    }
  ]
}
...

```

# Elasticsearch 1.0

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- Aggregations
- Snapshot/Restore
- Distributed/scalable percolator
- Cat API  
<http://www.elasticsearch.org/blog/introducing-cat-api/>
- Federated search: Tribe node

Thanks for listening!

# Q & A

P.S. We're hiring  
<http://elasticsearch.com/about/jobs>  
<http://elasticsearch.com/support>

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