

Spatial Search

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 Querying for Lucene Documents with lat/lng within a radius of another lat/lng

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• Distance as relevance?

Spatial Lucene

- Lucene Contrib Module Released 2.9
- Filter documents to those within radius of point
- 2-step filtering
 - Cartesian Tier
 - Distance Filtering
- Under heavy development

Cartesian Tier – Index Time

- Plot document lat/lng on grids
 - Small grids for small radii
 - Big grids for big radii
- Store grid locations as fields



Cartesian Tier – Query Time
Find grid locations that cover radius

TermQuery documents with those locations

Documents outside are instantly filtered

Distance Filtering

- Filter documents still outside of radius
- Calculate exact distance and compare
- Expensive!
- Multi-threading?



Spatial Solr Search



Solr Spatial Search

- Not yet completed
- SOLR-773
- Hide complexity from user
- Use existing Solr functionality

Solr Spatial Search - Indexing

- PointFieldType hides implementation
 - One user level field \rightarrow multiple index fields
- Simple Lat/Lng, Tiles, Geohash
- Computation of tiles done inside FieldType

Solr Spatial Search - Querying

Simple querying done via FunctionQueries dist(2, lat, lon, 44.794, -93.2696)

- Spatial Filtering via Spatial Lucene still to come
- {!tier x=32 y=-79 dist=50 prefix=tier}

Solr Spatial Search - Sorting



Solr Spatial Search – Results



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Watch this space



Links & Resources

- JTeam http://www.jteam.nl
- Spatial Solr Plugin (SSP) http://www.jteam.nl/news/spatialsolr
- Me chris@jteam.nl
- SOLR-773 http://issues.apache.org/jira/browse/SOLR-773