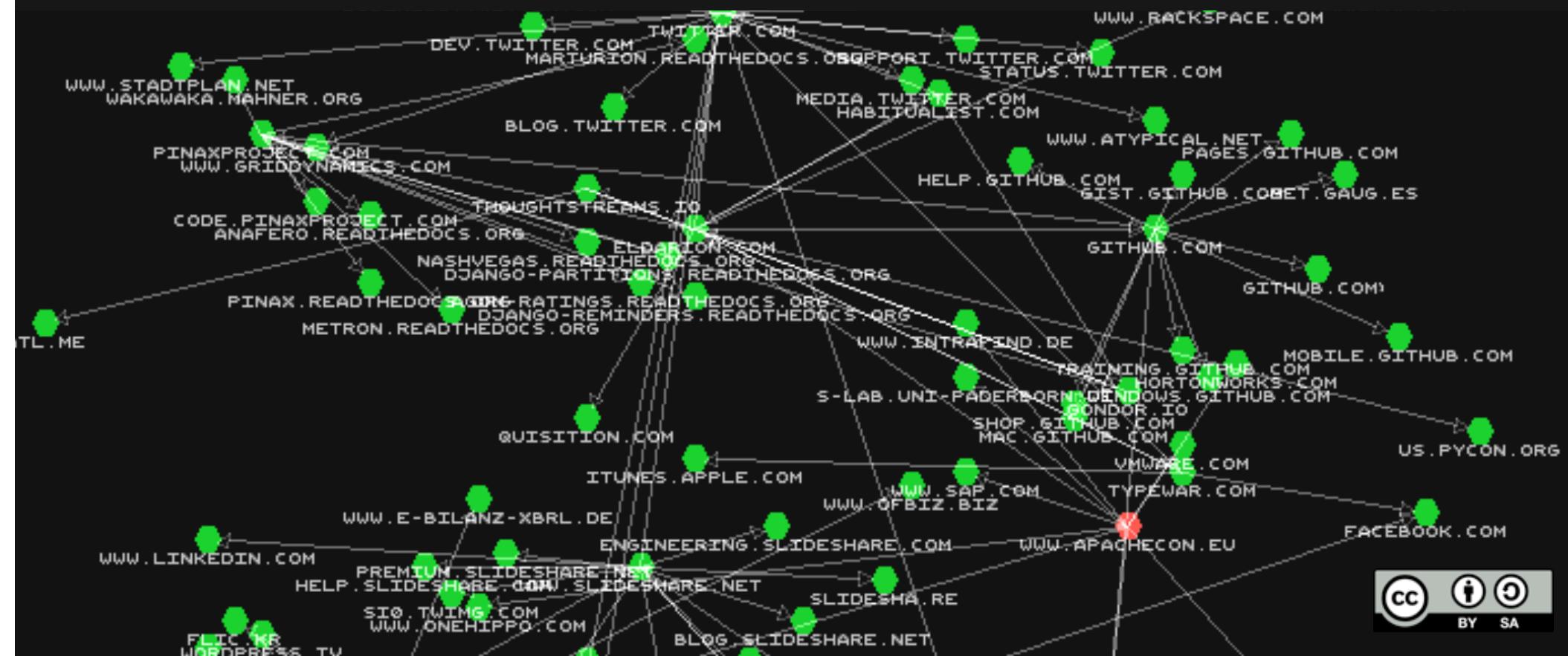




A Web Search Appliance with Solr and YaCy

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Abstract



To use Solr as web search engine you also need a web crawler, document parsers, an appropriate Solr scheme, monitoring, production steering, use-case oriented index administration and a end-user search interface design. The free software "YaCy", once designed as turn-key, easy-to-use peer-to-peer web search software is now based on Solr. To provide a standard-compliant API to Web-Search Appliance integrators, YaCy also extends the Solr search interface with an OpenSearch/RSS and a Google GSA/XML result writer.

The talk shows use-cases and productivity features in professional environments. We believe that the YaCy/Solr combination is a potential serious rival to other fully-integrated commercial search appliances. Beside this important use case we propagate also the personal usage of privately defined search portals to support the free software philosophy for open data and against censoring. The talk will give examples for such use-cases as well.

tl;dr

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intranet-search, it's all inside YaCy!

Don't buy an appliance,

Solr+YaCy is free and far better!

Peer-to-Peer

We wanted to make a
P2P search Engine

Now with Solr

We can still do P2P Search - with Solr inside

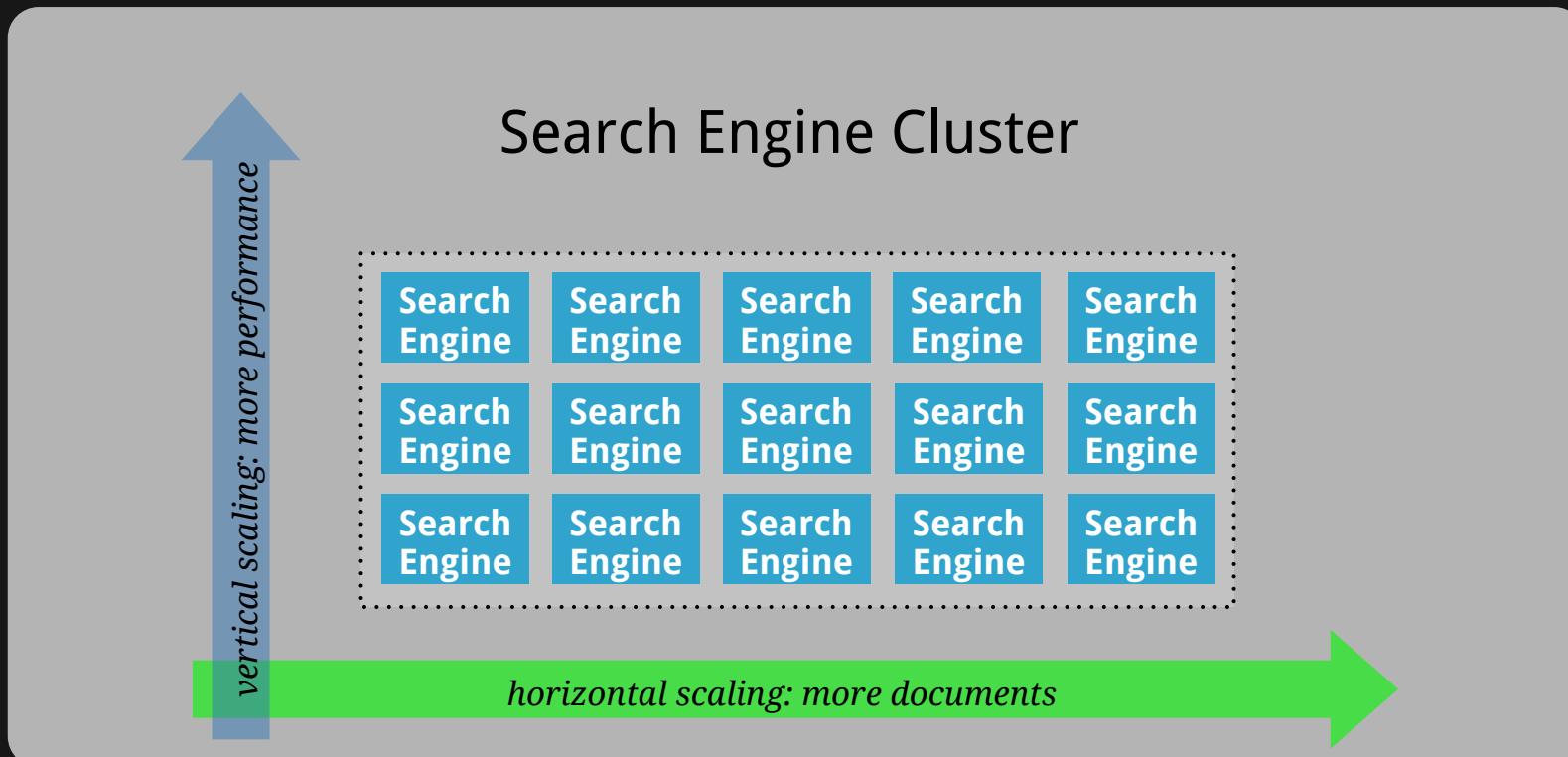
Search Appliance

The single-instance variant of P2P Search

Motivation: Distributed Search

*share your
search index*

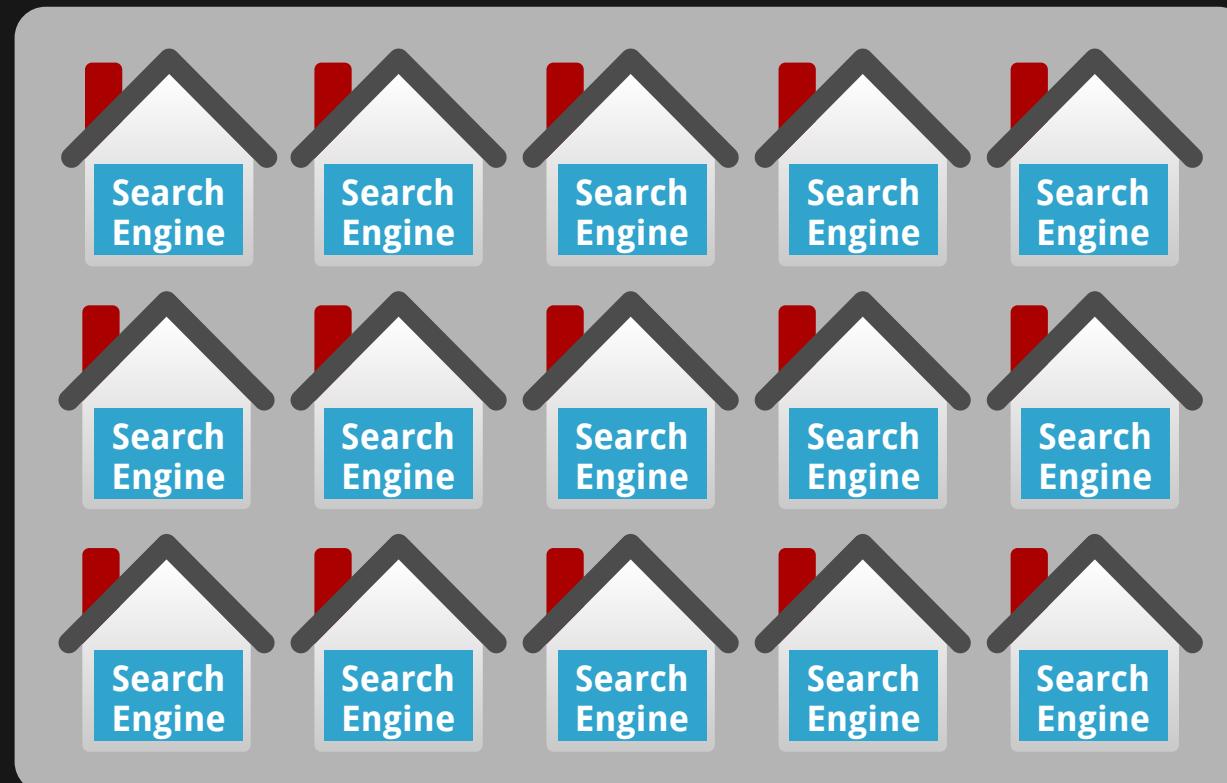
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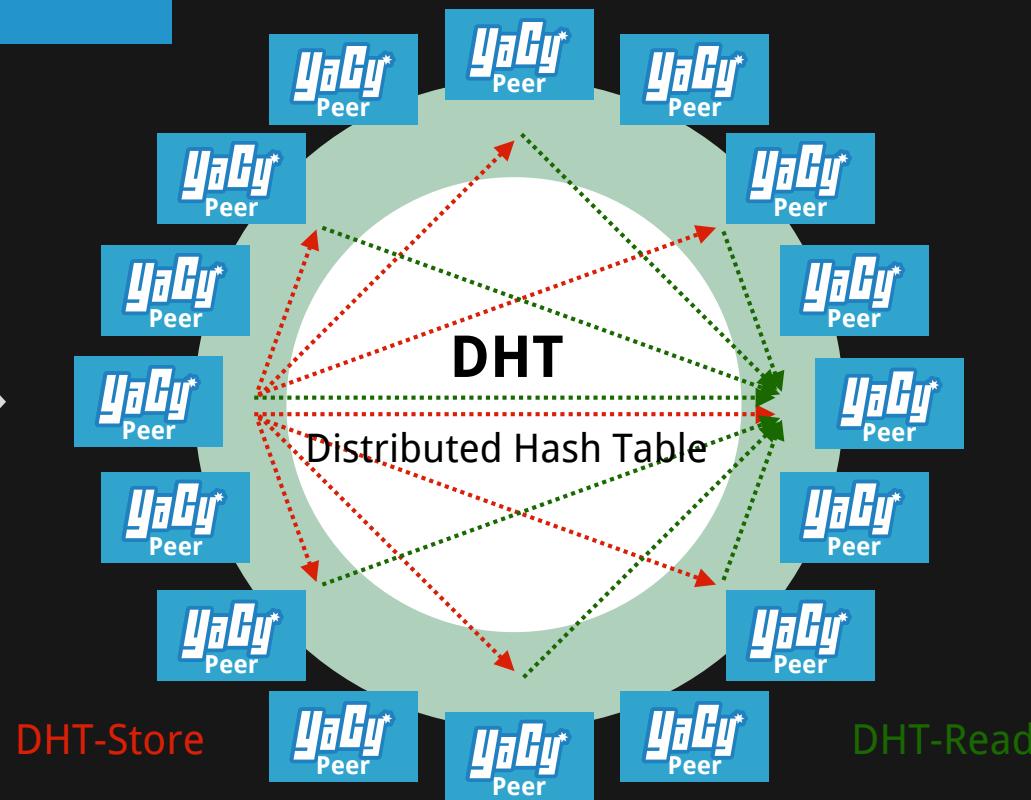


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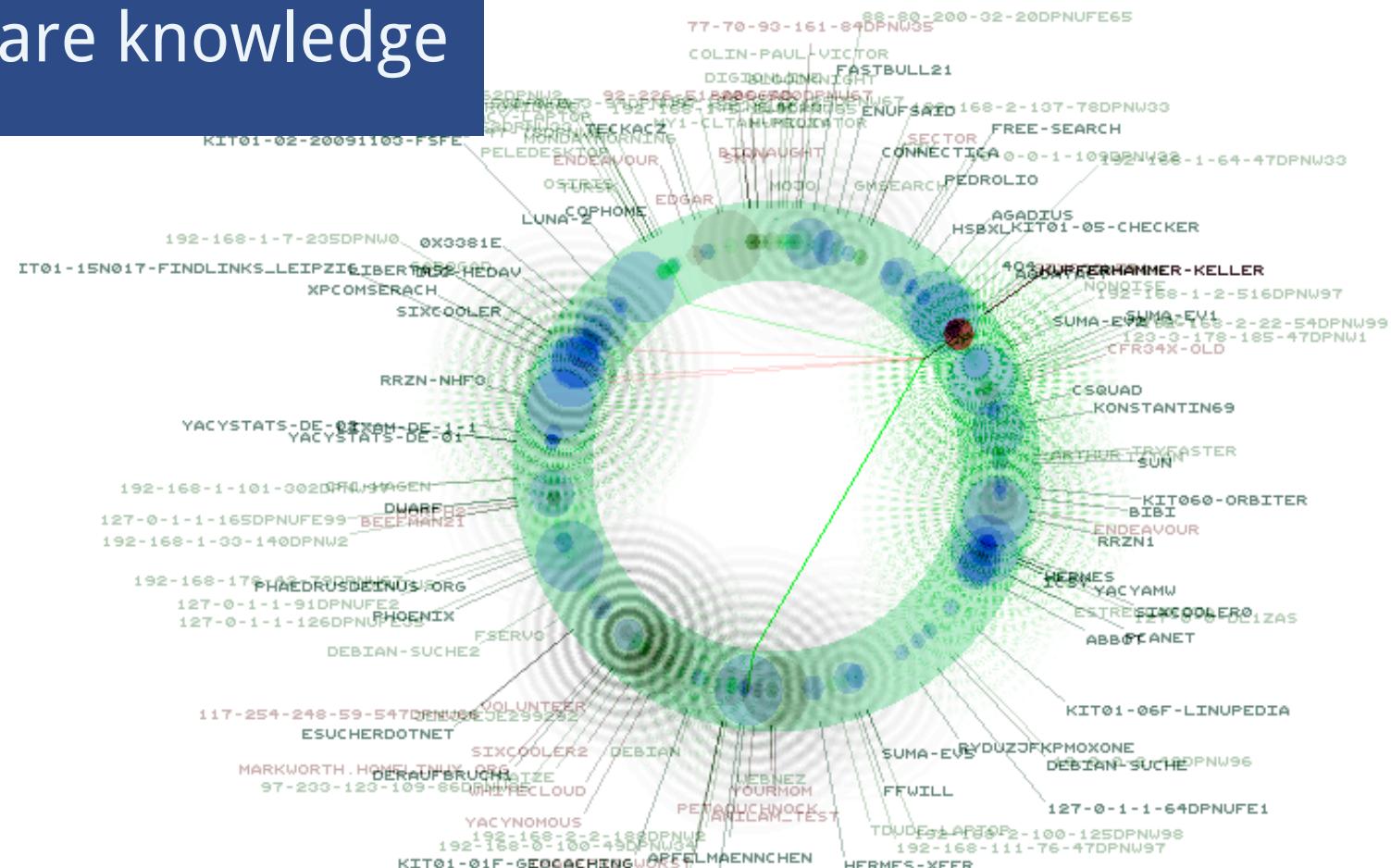
The YaCy Search Engine Cluster consist of independent search engines, but they are connected in an efficient way using a distributed hash table.

Crawl the web, create a web index, distribute the index



your own
search portal
projects
+communities
share knowledge

Everyone can join the network.



Requirements for a Search-Appliance-for-everyone

Easy

Everyone must be able to install and operate a crawler, a web index and a search interface.

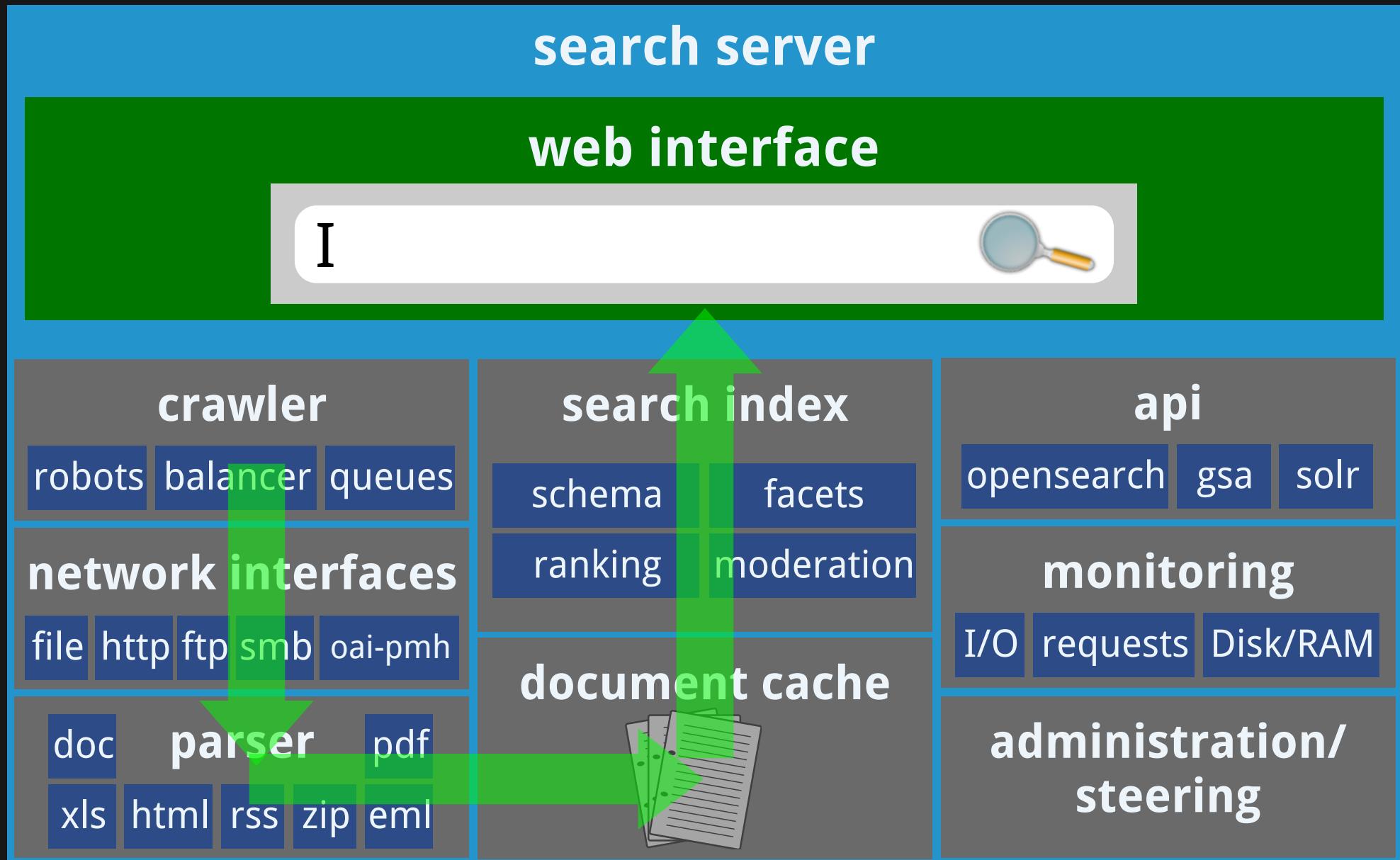
Available

The software must be free.

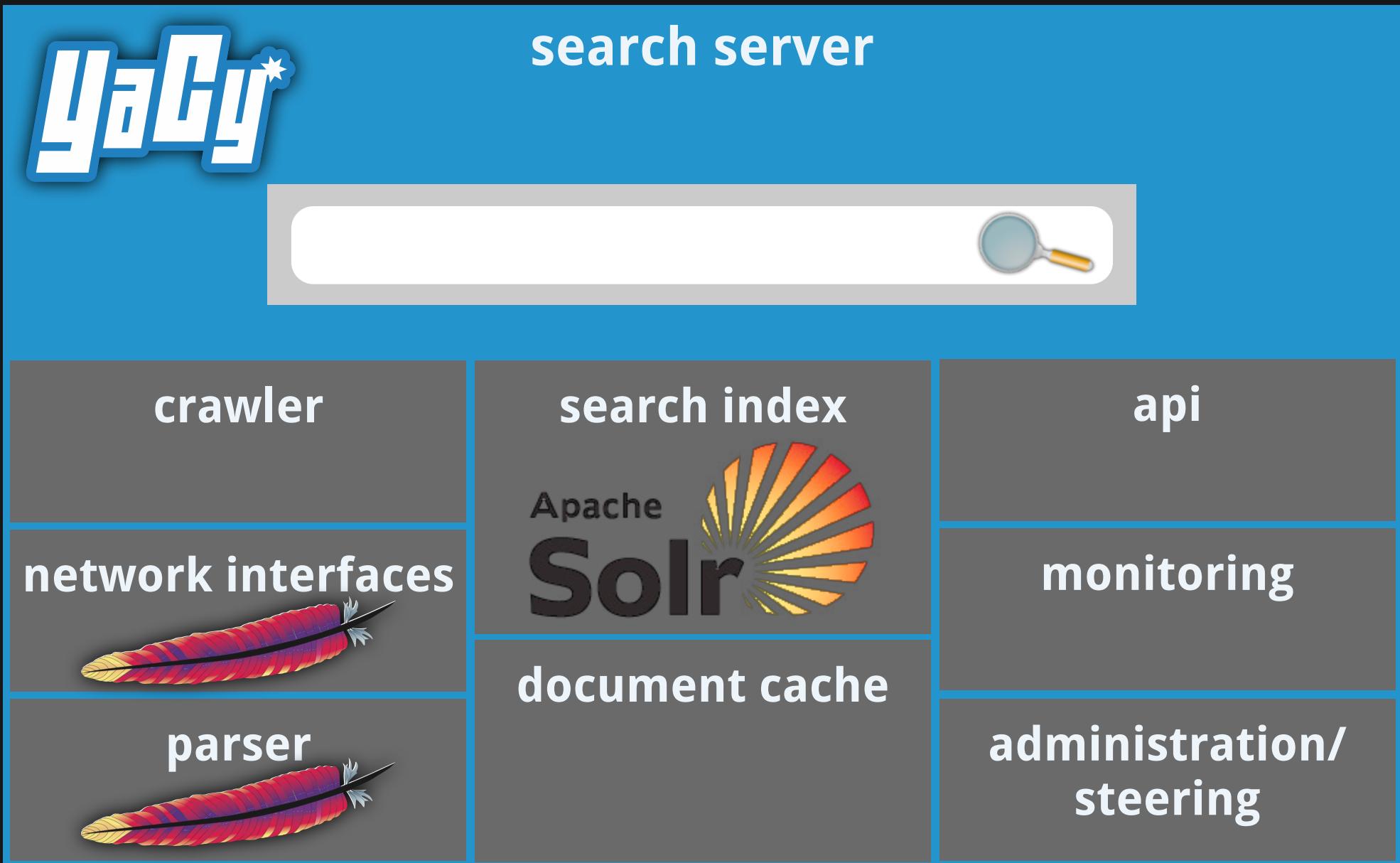
Hackable

APIs and transparency.

YaCy Components



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Easy
3-minute installation
just decompress and start

Embedded Solr

no network latency within the YaCy-Solr connection

Solr Search API

the embedded Solr has a standard Solr query interface



Demo



Benefits for Solr Users:
YaCy as content aquisition and
monitoring framework

Benefits for Solr using YaCy as Framework

YaCy is a Web Search Framework for Solr

- Solr Schema based on Solr Cell enriched for web content
- Support for remote Solr
- Easy adjustment of Schema to other Solr installations

Remote Solr Search Index

Solr URL(s) You can set one or more Solr targets here which are accessed as a shard. For several targets, list them using a ',' (comma) as separator.

Commit-Within (milliseconds) (increase this value to i.e. 180000 - 3 minutes - for more performance)

Lazy Value Initialization (if checked, only non-zero values and non-empty strings are written)

Sharding Method

Scheme

Index Scheme

If you use a custom Solr schema you may enter a different field name in the column 'Custom Solr Field Name' of the YaCy default attribute name

Active	Attribute	Custom Solr Field Name	Comment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	id		primary key of document, the URL hash **mandatory field**
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sku		url of document
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	last_modified		last-modified from http header
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	content_type		mime-type of document
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	title		content of title tag
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	host_id_s		id of the host, a 6-byte hash that is part of the document id
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	md5_s		the md5 of the raw source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	size_i		the size of the raw source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	process_s		index creation comment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	failreason_t		fail reason if a page was not loaded. if the page was loaded then this field is empty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	httpstatus_i		html status return code (i.e. "200" for ok), -1 if not loaded

Benefits for Solr using YaCy as Framework

Rich Data Aquisition Features

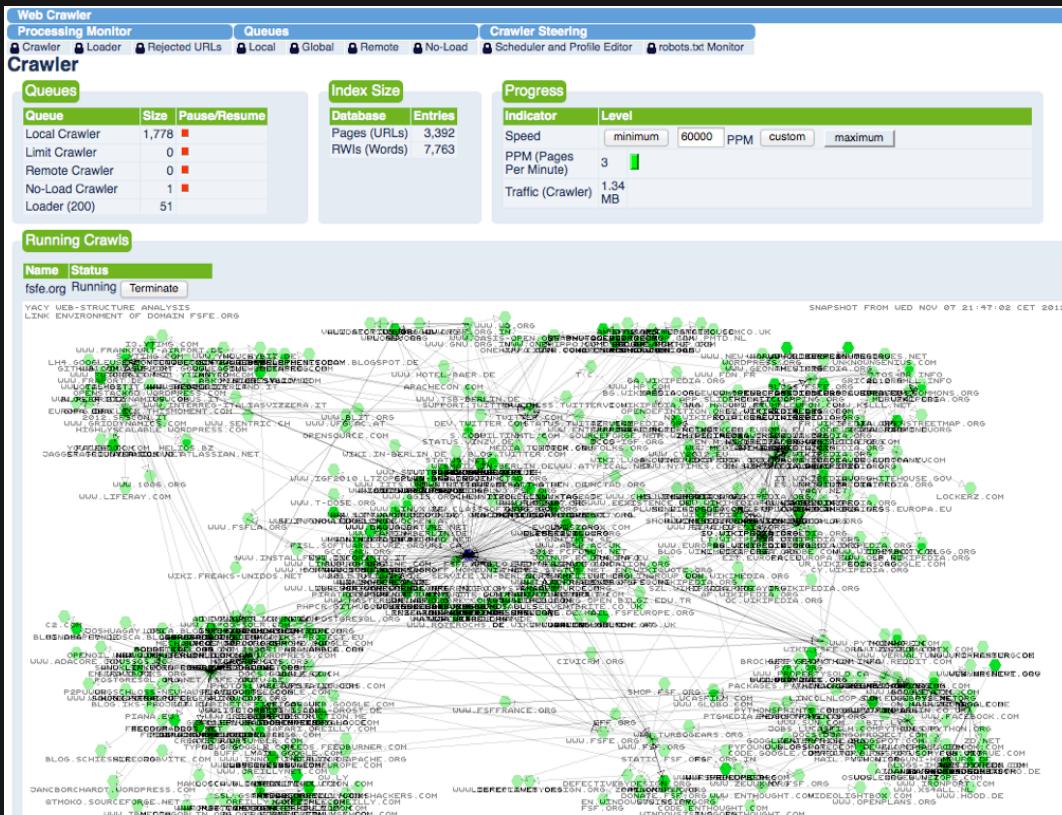
- Crawler for http(s), ftp, smb, robots.txt-compliant, Web Cache
- Network Scanner for Intranets, MANY Parsers!
- RSS Feed importer, OAI-PMH importer, import from Dublin Core

Index Creation											
Crawler/Spider						Content Import		Network Harvesting		Database Reader	
Full Site Crawl/ Sitemap Loader	Crawl Start (Expert)	Network Scanner	Crawling of MediaWikis	Crawling of phpBB3 Forums	RSS Feed Importer	OAI-PMH Importer	Remote Crawling	Scraping Proxy	Database Reader for phpBB3 Forums	Dump Reader for MediaWiki dumps	
Expert Crawl Start											
Attribute	Value						Description				
Starting Point:	<p>From URL (must start with http:// https:// ftp:// smb:// file://): <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>From Link-List of URL: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>From Sitemap: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>From File (enter a path within your local file system): <input type="radio"/></p>						<p>Define the start-url(s) here. You can submit more than one URL, each line one URL please. Each of these URLs are the root for a crawl start, existing start URLs are always re-loaded. Other already visited URLs are sorted out as "double", if they are not allowed using the re-crawl option.</p>				
Crawling Depth:	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> also all linked non-parsable documents	Unlimited crawl depth for URLs matching with:				<p>This defines how often the Crawler will follow links (of links..) embedded in websites. 0 means that only the page you enter under "Starting Point" will be added to the index. 2-4 is good for normal indexing. Values over 8 are not useful, since a depth-8 crawl will index approximately 25.600.000.000 pages, maybe this is the whole WWW.</p>				
Scheduled re-crawl	<p>no doubles <input checked="" type="radio"/> run this crawl once and never load any page that is already known, only the start-url may be loaded again.</p> <p>re-load <input type="radio"/> run this crawl once, but treat urls that are known since <input type="text" value="7"/> : <input type="text" value="days"/> : not as double and load them again. No scheduled re-crawl.</p> <p>scheduled <input type="radio"/> after starting this crawl, repeat the crawl every <input type="text" value="7"/> : <input type="text" value="days"/> : automatically.</p>						<p>A web crawl performs a double-check on all links found in the internet against the internal database. If the same url is found again, then the url is treated as double when you check the 'no doubles' option. A url may be loaded again when it has reached a specific age, to use that check the 're-load' option. When you want that this web crawl is repeated automatically, then check the 'scheduled' option. In this case the crawl is repeated after the given time and no url from the previous crawl is omitted as double.</p>				

Benefits for Solr using YaCy as Framework

Monitoring and Analytics

- Host Browser: analyse target filesystem structure
- Robots Browser and Mass Target Analysis: data aquisition tool
- Network graph: link structure visualization
- Quality Assurance Tool for Web Administration (dead links etc.)



Host Browser

Browse the index of 4,105 documents. Enter a host or an URL for a file list or select one of a [list of hosts](#).

Host/URL: Browse Host

Host List

fsfe.org	en.wikipedia.org	344/268/1 URLs
twitter.com	blogs.fsfe.org	204/177 URLs
identi.ca	www.computerworld.com.au	134/131 URLs
sandklef.wordpress.com	grical.org	118/66 URLs
computerfloss.com	blog.padowi.se	106/103/1 URLs
www.fsfila.org	www.suedtirolerland.it	103/98/2 URLs
typo3.org	wiki.fsfe.org	104/96 URLs
www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk	www.fsf.org	97/90/1 URLs
archive.org	www.fdn.fr	84/60/1 URLs
de.wikipedia.org	leena.de	78/75 URLs
openopen.net	honk.sigxcpu.org	70/64/1 URLs
seravo.fi	hircus.wordpress.com	67/63 URLs
blog.iks-project.eu	directory.fsf.org	65/60 URLs
www.gnu.org	www.mediatic.net	59/58 URLs
news.swpat.org	i.huffpost.com	54 URLs
www.youtube.com	losca.blogspot.fi	47/44/1 URLs
www.techcast.com	www.linuxtag.org	45/35/2 URLs
www.installfest.info	www.adacore.com	44/40/1 URLs
www.huffingtonpost.com	softwarefreedomday.org	43/40/1 URLs
www.tis.bz.it	www.gag.com	42/36 URLs
ec.europa.eu	fiorian.wordpress.com	40/36 URLs
2010.rml.info	opensource.com	37/34 URLs
micro.systemsaviour.com	www.dartlang.org	35/23 URLs
www.welt.de	www.4shared.net	35 URLs
www.lockergnome.com	www.kiberpipa.org	33/25/1 URLs
summit.ubuntu.com	linuxwochen.at	32/28 URLs
news.yahoo.com	www.flossk.org	31/28 URLs
www.gnu.org.in	www.linuxpromagazine.com	28/25 URLs

Benefits for Solr using YaCy as Framework

Built-In Search Interfaces

- Solr XML + result writer: rss, opensearch, xslt, yjson
- GSA result writer for the Google Search Appliance Search API
- Traditional Search Interface + facets (host, filetype, protocol)
- Pop-up Search Interface
- File Search with filetype facets and downloader hack
- Autocompletion API (from opensearch.org suggestions)

The screenshot shows the YaCy search interface. On the left, a search results page titled "YaCy Search Widget" displays a list of search results. Each result includes a small icon, the title, a link, a date, and file size. The results are as follows:

- Why we exist? Free Software Foundation of India
http://www.fsf.org.in/
Wed, 07 Nov 2012 | 7 kbyte
- Free Software Thoughts in Parentheses
http://paralambda.org/category/free-software/
Wed, 07 Nov 2012 | 3 kbyte
- Free speech is better than free beer » Français
http://blogs.fsf.org/maille
Sun, 19 Aug 2012 | 170 kbyte
- TIS Free Software & Open Technologies TIS Innovation Park
http://www.tis.bzi.it/free-free-software-open-technologies
Wed, 07 Nov 2012 | 35 kbyte
- Free Slideshow : Free SlideShow Software
a creator download Image make maker photo picture pictures show shows slide slideshow slideshows
http://ajaxslideshow.com/free-slideshow.htm
Mon, 07 May 2012 | 85 kbyte
- Free stuff. Canadian free stuff and free stuff money with free stuff for the blind
http://lbfpj.w.interia.pl/free-stuff.html
Thu, 27 Sep 2012 | 18 kbyte
- Free pictures. Free tattoo pictures small and free softwear that can find all the pictures on my computer with free pictures of inspiration
http://zqgve.w.interia.pl/free-pictures.html
Thu, 27 Sep 2012 | 18 kbyte
- Free midi. Convert midi to wave free and patriotic music + midi + mp3 + free with free midi music keyboard
http://mvbgq.w.interia.pl/free-midi.html
Wed, 10 Oct 2012 | 17 kbyte
- Free dictionary. Dictionary english free french translation window and free pictuer dictionary with free translation english to french dictionary
http://

On the right, there is a sidebar titled "YaCy" with the subtitle "Total local results: 1707". It contains several dropdown menus and input fields for filtering search results:

- Get local/global results: local
- Sort result by: Relevance
- Filetype: (dropdown menu)
- Protocol: (dropdown menu)
- Domains: (dropdown menu)
- Name Space: (dropdown menu)
- Authors: (dropdown menu)
- Topics: (dropdown menu)

Below the sidebar, there is a note: "You can narrow down your search by selecting one of the below navigators:" followed by the same set of dropdown menus.

Benefits for Solr using YaCy as Framework

Production Environment Support - Scheduler for recurring actions

Process Scheduler

This table shows actions that had been issued on the YaCy interface to change the configuration or to request crawl actions. These recorded actions can be used to repeat specific actions and to send them to a scheduler for a periodic execution.

Recorded Actions							
Type	Comment	Call Count	Recording Date	Last Exec Date	Next Exec Date	Scheduler	URL
<input type="checkbox"/> crawler	crawl start for http://www.meinungsforschung.de/	4	07.11.2012 00:31:34	07.11.2012 01:11:50	-	<input type="button" value="no repetition"/>	http://192.168.1.54:8090/Crawler_p.html?crawlingDomMaxPages=100&deleteOld=on&intention=&range=crawlingDomFilterCheck=off&crawlingstart=Start%20New%20Crawl&directDocByUrl=off&repeat_unit=s
<input type="checkbox"/> crawler	import feed http://www.junior-campus-mainz.de/170.php	1	07.11.2012 02:40:17	07.11.2012 02:40:17	14.11.2012 02:40:00	<input type="button" value="7 days"/>	http://192.168.1.54:8090/Load_RSS_p.html?indexAllItemContent=&url=http://www.junior-campus-mainz.d
<input type="checkbox"/> crawler	OAI-PMH import for http://122.160.76.157:8081/OAIPMHXML/SearchRecord.do	1	07.11.2012 02:41:09	07.11.2012 02:41:09	-	<input type="button" value="no repetition"/>	http://192.168.1.54:8090/IndexImportOAIPMH_p.html?urlstart=http://122.160.76.157:8081/OAIPMHXML/
<input type="checkbox"/> crawler	OAI-PMH import for http://161.122.37.51/dspace-oai/request	1	07.11.2012 02:41:32	07.11.2012 02:41:32	-	<input type="button" value="no repetition"/>	http://192.168.1.54:8090/IndexImportOAIPMH_p.html?urlstart=http://161.122.37.51/dspace-oai/request
<input type="checkbox"/> crawler	crawl start for smb://192.168.1.54/	1	07.11.2012 02:45:50	07.11.2012 02:45:50	-	<input type="button" value="no repetition"/>	http://192.168.1.54:8090/Crawler_p.html?crawlingDomMaxPages=10000&range=domain&intention=&siteCachePolicy=ifrefresh&indexText=on&crawlingDomFilterDepth=1&crawlingDomFilterCheck=off&directDocB
<input type="checkbox"/> crawler	crawl start for http://www.apachecon.eu/	1	07.11.2012 14:17:09	07.11.2012 14:17:09	-	<input type="button" value="no repetition"/>	http://192.168.1.54:8090/Crawler_p.html?crawlingDomMaxPages=10000&intention=&range=wide&siteMap=recrawl=nodoubles&repeat_time=7&crawlingIfOlderUnit=day&cachePolicy=ifrefresh&indexText=on&ipMustMatchList=AD%2CAL%2CAT%2CBA%2CBE%2CBG%2CBY%2CCH%2CCY%2CCZ%2CD%2D
<input type="checkbox"/> crawler	crawl start for ftp://ftp.ccc.de/	6	07.11.2012 14:32:14	07.11.2012 14:54:47	-	<input type="button" value="no repetition"/>	http://192.168.1.54:8090/Crawler_p.html?crawlingDomMaxPages=10000&deleteOld=on&intention=&range=crawlingDomFilterCheck=off&crawlingstart=Start%20New%20Crawl&directDocByUrl=off&repeat_unit=s
<input type="checkbox"/> crawler	crawl start for http://yacy.net/	1	07.11.2012 15:41:05	07.11.2012 15:41:05	-	<input type="button" value="no repetition"/>	http://192.168.1.54:8090/Crawler_p.html?crawlingDomMaxPages=10000&deleteOld=on&intention=&range=crawlingstart=Start%20New%20Crawl&directDocByUrl=off&repeat_unit=s&days=crawlingDepth=99&cr
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Use Cases for a Search Appliance

SEO & Website Admin Tools

browse other servers and discover network structure

search for files

(ftp/smb)

...with downloader?

your own search portal

projects +communities share knowledge

topic-oriented (news-) feeds

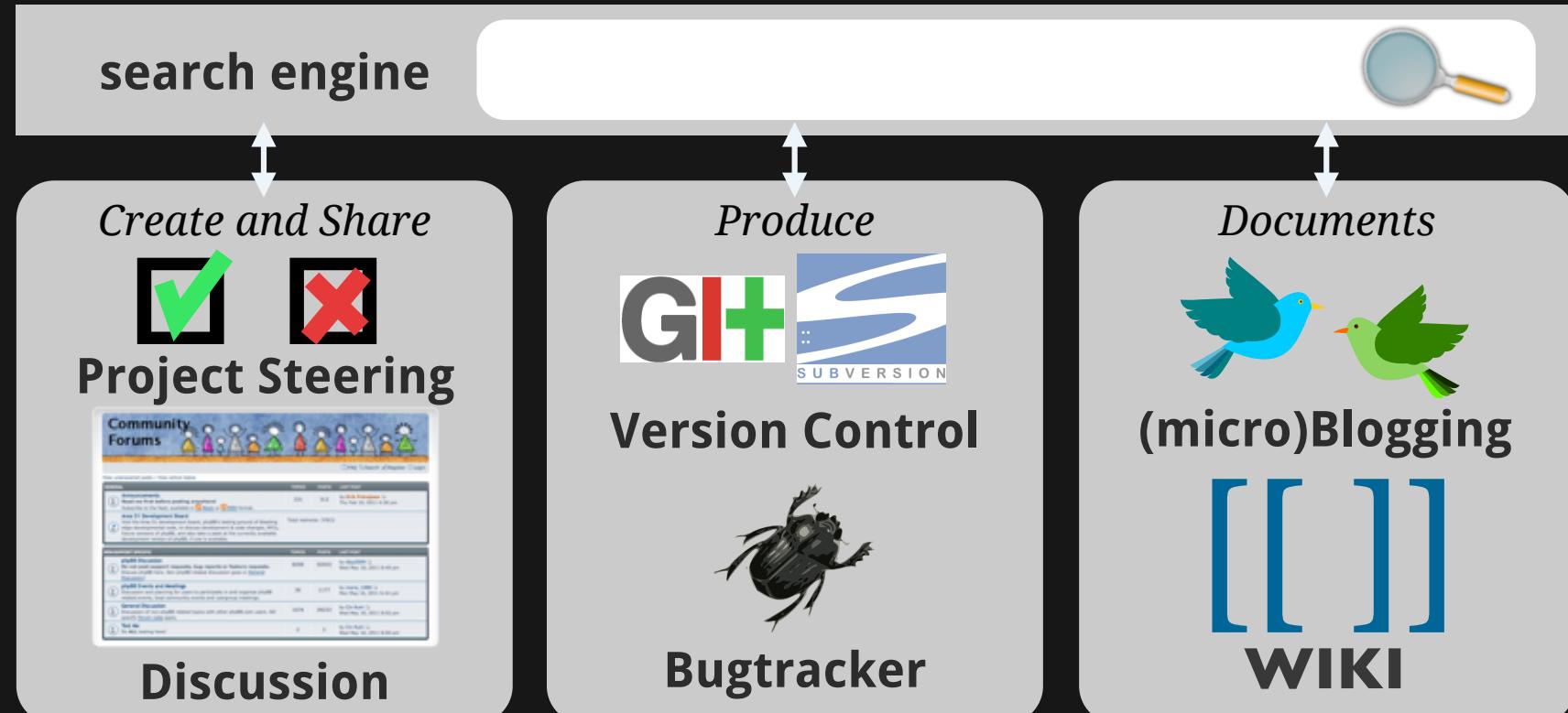
federated search your intelligence service

your own
search portal
projects
+communities
share knowledge



Demo:

- Make a federated search portal for:
gnu.org, fsfe.org, apachecon.eu
- Add a FTP video archive from
ftp://dewy.fem.tu-ilmenau.de/CCC/



topic-oriented (news-) feeds

federated search

your intelligence service



Demo:

- Feed YaCy with rss feeds at http://localhost:8090/Load_RSS_p.html
- Activate the scheduler to do this frequently
- Do a web search and add /date to the query to order by date
- use the rss search result format:
- <http://localhost:8090/yacysearch.rss?query=wonderful>
- read the search result page with your rss reader

localhost:8090/yacysearch.rss?query=bank+run

P2P Web Search

Search for bank run

[Bank Run – Wikipedia](#)
18. Juli 2012 02:00

[Die wunderbare Welt der Wirtschaft!: Bank Run am 7.12. – Jetzt mache ich mit!](#)
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APIs in Harvesting: Dublin Core Dump Import



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!-- YaCy surrogate using dublin core notion -->
<surrogates
  xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">

<record>
  <dc:title><![CDATA[Alan Smithee]]></dc:title>
  <dc:identifier>http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Smithee</dc:identifier>
  <dc:description>
    <![CDATA[[''Alan Smithee''' ist ein Anagramm von „The Alias Men“.]]>
  </dc:description>
  <dc:language>de</dc:language>
  <dc:date>2009-04-14T00:00:00Z</dc:date>
  <!-- date is in ISO 8601 -->
</record>
</surrogates>
```

Standards:

YaCy can import standard Dublin Core Metadata XML files as input for indexing

How to import Dublin Core Files:

just place the xml files into a hand-over directory at DATA/SURROGATES/in/

The Dublin Core XML File Standard:

<http://dublincore.org/documents/dc-xml-guidelines/>



Search Interface Integration



How to integrate a YaCy Search Portal:
Just copy-paste the code snippet to your web page source code.

Code Snippet #2 looks like:

MySearch

The YaCy administration interface offers more code snippets. An example from [/ConfigSearchBox.html](#) looks like:

MySearch

```
<iframe name="target2"
        src="http://141.52.175.43:8080/yacysearch.html?
display=2&resource=local"
        width="100%" height="180"
        frameborder="0" scrolling="auto" id="target2"
</iframe>
```

Code Snippet Example #2: a search box (points to new page)

```
<form method="get" accept-charset="UTF-8"
      action="http://141.52.175.43:8080/yacysearch.html">
  <div>
    <div>MySearch</div>
    <input type="text" name="query" value="" maxlength="80" />
    <input type="hidden" name="verify" value="true" />
    <input type="hidden" name="maximumRecords" value="10" />
    <input type="hidden" name="meanCount" value="5" />
    <input type="hidden" name="resource" value="local" />
    <input type="hidden" name="urlmaskfilter" value=".*" />
    <input type="hidden" name="prefermaskfilter" value="" />
    <input type="hidden" name="display" value="2" />
    <input type="hidden" name="nav" value="all" />
    <input type="submit" name="Enter" value="Search" />
  </div>
</form>
```

your YaCy peer provides help pages with code snippets for an easy integration!





Thank You for Listening

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