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Scaling Search in Oak with Solr Tommaso Teofili



A look back ...



Scaling Search in Oak with Solr

Following up last year's "Oak / Solr integration" session



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Looking at last year's agenda

- What we have:
 - Search Oak content with Solr independently
 - Oak running with a Solr index
 - Embedded
 - Remote
- What we miss:
 - Solr based MicroKernel



Apache Jackrabbit Oak

- Scalable content repository
- JCR compatibility (to some degree)
- Performance especially for concurrent access
- Scalability for huge repositories (> 100M nodes)
- Support managed environments (e.g. OSGi)
- Cloud deployments





Apache Solr

- Enterprise search platform
- Based on Apache Lucene
- Full text, faceting, highlighting, etc.
- Dynamic cluster architecture
- HTTP API
- Latest release 4.4.0





Why Apache Solr

- Distributed, fault tolerant indexing / searching
- Highly configurable
 - without touching the repository
- Customizable



How it works ...



IndexEditor API

- an Editor receives info about changes to the content tree
- the Editor evaluates the status before and after a specific Oak commit
- can reject or accept the changes (by even modifying the tree itself)
- an Editor is executed right before an Oak commit is persisted
- the SolrIndexHook maps changes between statuses in the content tree to Solr documents and sends them to the Solr instance(s)

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IndexEditor API – creating content

- NodeState before = builder.getNodeState();
- builder.child("newnode").setProperty("prop", "val");
- NodeState after = builder.getNodeState();
- EditorHook hook = new EditorHook(new SolrIndexEditorProvider(...));
- NodeState indexed = hook.processCommit(before, after);



QueryIndex API

- evaluate the query (Filter) cost for each available index to find the "best"
- execute the query (Filter) against a specific revision and root node state
 - internally the Filter is usually mapped to the underlying implementation counterpart
 - improved support for full text queries in Oak
- eventually view the query "plan"



QueryIndex API

mapping Filter restrictions:

- Property restrictions:
 - Each property is mapped as a field
 - Can use term queries for simple value matching or range queries for "first to last"
- Path restrictions
 - indexed as strings and with special fields for parent / children / descendant matching
- Full text expressions
 - use (E)DisMax query parser and/or fallback fields
- NodeType restrictions TBD

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Configuring the Solr index in Oak

- create an index configuration under
 - /oak:index/solrIdx
 - jcr:primaryType = oak:queryIndexDefinition
 - type = solr
 - plus some mandatory props (e.g. reindex)
 - Additional properties if want to run an embedded Solr server (more on this later)

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Configuring the Solr index in Oak

- Pluggable Solr server providers and configuration
 - to allow different deployment scenarios
 - to allow custom configuration

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Oak Solr core bundle

- provides basic API and implementation to index and search Oak content on Solr
 - Solr implementation of IndexEditor
 - Solr implementation of QueryIndex
- allows configurable mapping between
 - property types and fields
 - e.g. all binaries should be indexed in specific field
 - filter restrictions and fields
 - e.g. path restrictions for *children* should hit a certain field



Oak Solr Embedded bundle

- provides support for indexing and searching on an embedded Solr instance
 - running inside the Oak repository
 - configuration can be done
 - via the repository
 - stored in the index definition node
 - via OSGi



Oak Solr Remote bundle

- provides support for indexing and searching on remote Solr instances
 - single Solr instance
 - distributed / replicated Solr cluster
 - SolrCloud deployments
 - configuration is done via OSGi

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OSGi platform running on Oak with Solr

- Star instance with Oak repository
- Add a bunch of bundles for Solr
 - oak-solr-core, oak-solr-remote, zookeeper, servicemix.bundles.solr-solrj, etc.
- Configure the Solr instance
- Configure oak-solr-remote providers via OSGi

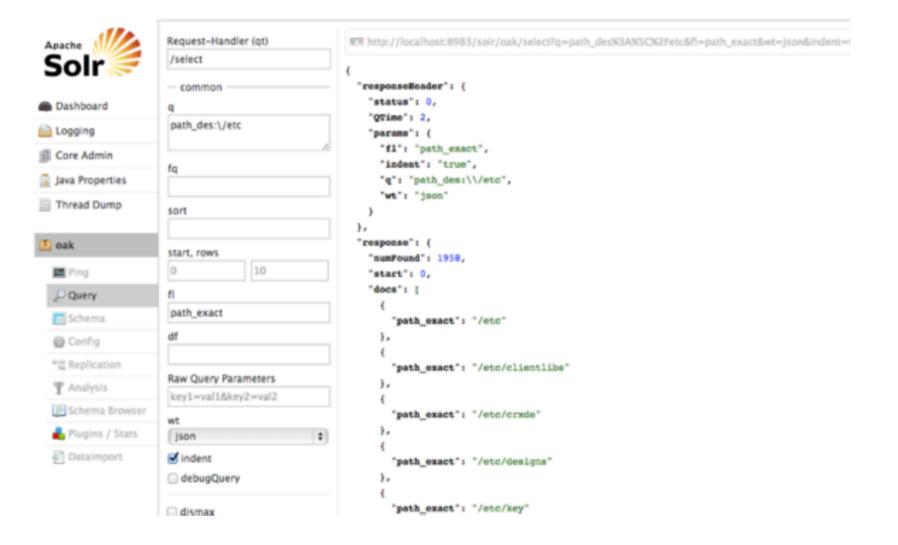




See it in action ...



Solr index populated with Oak content



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What needs to be done

- Easy OSGi deployment
- Move common configuration stuff in oak-solr-core
- Leverage new full text expression API
- Solr MK?