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- **Haystack**

- Top quality full-text search in seconds

- **Celery**

- Offline processing in an instant

- **Fabric**

- Automated deployments for lazy people


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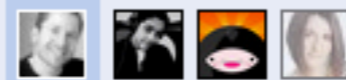
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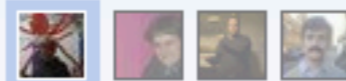
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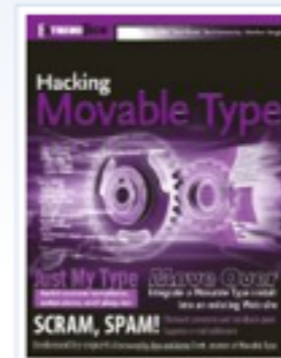
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Find the needle you're looking for.

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Search doesn't have to be hard. Haystack lets you write your search code once and choose the search engine you want it to run on. With a familiar API that should make any Django naut feel right at home and an architecture that allows you to swap things in and out as you need to, it's how search ought to be.

Haystack is [BSD licensed](#), plays nicely with third-party app without needing to modify the source and supports [Solr](#), [Whoosh](#) and [Xapian](#).

Get started

1. [Get the most recent source.](#)
2. Add `haystack` to your `INSTALLED_APPS`.
3. Create `search_indexes.py` files for your models.
4. Setup the main `SearchIndex` via `autodiscover`.
5. Include `haystack.urls` to your `URLconf`.
6. Search!

Sprinting to 1.1-final

Posted on 2010/11/16 by Daniel

Though this site has sat out of date, there has been a lot of work put into Haystack 1.1. As of writing, there are eight issues blocking the release. I aim to have those down to zero by the end of the week.

Once those eight are done, I will be releasing 1.1-final. The RC process really didn't do much last time and this release has been a long time in coming. This release will feature:

- Vastly improved faceting
- Whoosh 1.X support!
- Document & field boost support



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item

This nocturnal allows you to tell the time at night. As the Earth turns, the stars appear to move across ...



Rue, Warren de la

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This is the first instrument that was purpose built for

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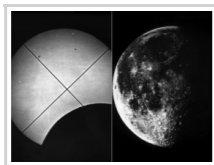
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Model-oriented search

- Define `search_indexes.py` (like `admin.py`) for your application
- Hook up default haystack search views
- Write a quick `search.html` template
- Run `./manage.py rebuild_index`

```
from haystack import indexes
from haystack import site
from models import MuseumObject, Person, CelestialBody
```

```
class MuseumObjectIndex(indexes.SearchIndex):
    text = indexes.CharField(document=True, model_attr='text')
    def get_queryset(self):
        return MuseumObject.objects.all()
```

```
site.register(MuseumObject, MuseumObjectIndex)
```

```
class PersonIndex(indexes.SearchIndex):
    text = indexes.CharField(document=True, model_attr='name')
    def get_queryset(self):
        return Person.objects.all()
```

```
site.register(Person, PersonIndex)
```

(r'^search/', include('haystack.urls')),

```
<ul class="listing">
{% for result in page.object_list %}
  {% if result.model_name == "museumobject" %}
    <li class="item">
      
      <h3><a href="{{ result.object.get_absolute_url }}">{{ result.object.name }}</a>
      <span class="type-indicator">item</span></h3>
      <p>{% highlight result.text with request.GET.q %}</p>
    </li>
  {% endif %}
  {% if result.model_name == "person" %}
    <li class="person">
      <h3><a href="{{ result.object.get_absolute_url }}">{{ result.object.name }}</a>
      <span class="type-indicator">person</span></h3>
      <p>{% highlight result.text with request.GET.q %}</p>
    </li>
  {% endif %}
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```

Pick your backend

- Whoosh - pure Python
 - For sites with no write traffic
- Solr - Java web service application server
 - Best bet for medium-huge sites
- Xapian - embedded C library
 - Haven't tried this myself



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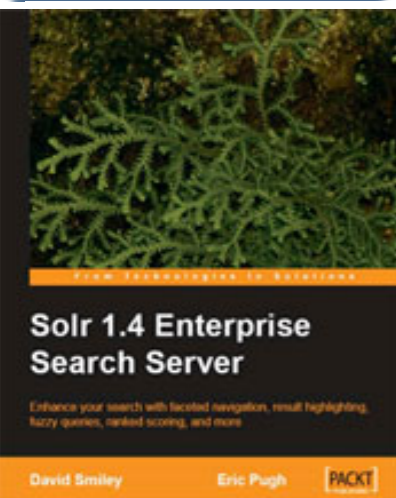
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```
class BookIndex(indexes.SearchIndex):
    text = indexes.CharField(document=True, use_template=True)
    speakers = indexes.MultiValueField()
    topics = indexes.MultiValueField()

    def prepare_speakers(self, obj):
        return [a.user.t_id for a in obj.authors.exclude(
            user = None
        ).select_related('user')]

    def prepare_topics(self, obj):
        return list(obj.topics.values_list('pk', flat=True))
```

search/indexes/ books/book_text.txt

```
{{ object.title }}
```

```
{{ object.tagline }}
```

```
{% for author in object.authors.all %}
```

```
    {{ author.display_name }}
```

```
    {{ author.user.t_screen_name }}
```

```
{% endfor %}
```

```
{% for topic in object.topics.all %}
```

```
    {{ topic.name_en }}
```

```
{% endfor %}
```

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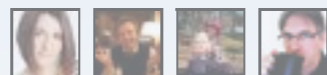
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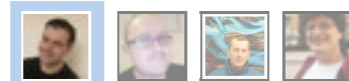
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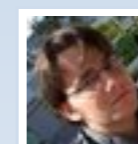
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Today we have a very special announcement (and for once, it's not a new feature!) We would like to welcome the super-wonderful [Sophie Barrett](#) to the Lanyrd team.

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```
sqs = SearchQuerySet()
```

```
sqs = sqs.models(Conference)
```

```
or_string = ' OR '.join(contact_ids)
```

```
sqs = sqs.narrow('attendees:(%s)' % or_string)
```

Staying fresh

- Search engines usually don't like accepting writes too frequently
 - RealTimeSearchIndex for low traffic sites
- `./manage.py update_index --age=6 (hours)`
 - Uses `index.get_updated_field()`
- Roll your own (message queue or similar...)

Smarter indexing

```
class Article(models.Model):
    needs_indexing = models.BooleanField(
        default = True, db_index = True
    )
    ...
    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        self.needs_indexing = True
        super(Article, self).save(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
index = site.get_index(model)
```

```
updated_pks = []
```

```
objects = index.load_all_queryset().filter(  
    needs_indexing=True  
)[:100]
```

```
if not objects:
```

```
    return
```

```
for object in objects:
```

```
    updated_pks.append(object.pk)
```

```
    index.update_object(object)
```

```
index.load_all_queryset().filter(  
    pk__in = updated_pks
```

```
).update(needs_indexing = False)
```

Replication



nginx + Solr replication trick

```
upstream solrmaster {  
    server 10.68.43.214:8080;  
}  
upstream solrslaves {  
    server 10.68.43.214:8080;  
    server 10.193.138.80:8080;  
    server 10.204.143.106:8080;  
}  
server {  
    listen 8983;  
    location /solr/update {  
        proxy_pass http://solrmaster;  
    }  
    location /solr/select {  
        proxy_pass http://solrslaves;  
    }  
}
```



Celery

Celery

Background Processing
Asynchronous/Synchronous
Periodic Tasks

Distributed
Concurrency
Retries

Distributed Task Queue

Celery is an asynchronous task queue/job queue based on distributed message passing. It is focused on real-time operation, but supports scheduling as well.

The execution units, called tasks, are executed concurrently on a single or more worker servers using multiprocessing, [Eventlet](#), or [gevent](#). Tasks can execute asynchronously (in the background) or synchronously (wait until ready).

Celery is used in production systems to process millions of tasks a day.

Celery is written in Python, but the protocol can be implemented in any language. It can also [operate with other languages](#) using webhooks.

The recommended message broker is [RabbitMQ](#), but limited support for [Redis](#), [Beanstalk](#), [MongoDB](#), [CouchDB](#), and databases (using [SQLAlchemy](#) or the [Django ORM](#)) is also available.

Celery is easy to integrate with Django, Pylons and Flask, using the [django-celery](#), [celery-pylons](#) and [Flask-Celery](#) add-on packages.

Example

This is a simple task adding two numbers:

Celery 2.2 released!

By [@asksol](#) on 2011-02-01.

A great number of new features, including Jython, eventlet and gevent support. Everything is detailed in the [Changelog](#), which you should have read before upgrading.

Users of Django must also upgrade to [django-celery 2.2](#).

This release would not have been possible without the help of contributors and users, so thank you, and congratulations!

Celery 2.1.1 bugfix release

By [@asksol](#) on 2010-10-14.

All users are urged to upgrade. For a list of changes see the [Changelog](#).

Users of Django must also upgrade to [django-celery 2.1.1](#).

Tasks?

- Anything that takes more than about 200ms
 - Updating a search index
 - Resizing images
 - Hitting external APIs
 - Generating reports

Trivial example

- Fetch the content of a web page

```
from celery.task import task
```

```
@task
```

```
def fetch_url(url):
```

```
    return urllib.urlopen(url).read()
```

```
>>> result = fetch_url.delay('http://cnn.com/')
```

```
>>> html = result.wait()
```

Python and MongoDB tutorial

A session at [EuroPython 2011](#)



Andreas Jung
CEO, ZOPYX Ltd

MongoDB is the new star of the so-called NoSQL databases. Using Python with MongoDB is the next logical step after having used Python for years with relational databases.

This talk will give an introduction into MongoDB and demonstrate how MongoDB can be used from Python.

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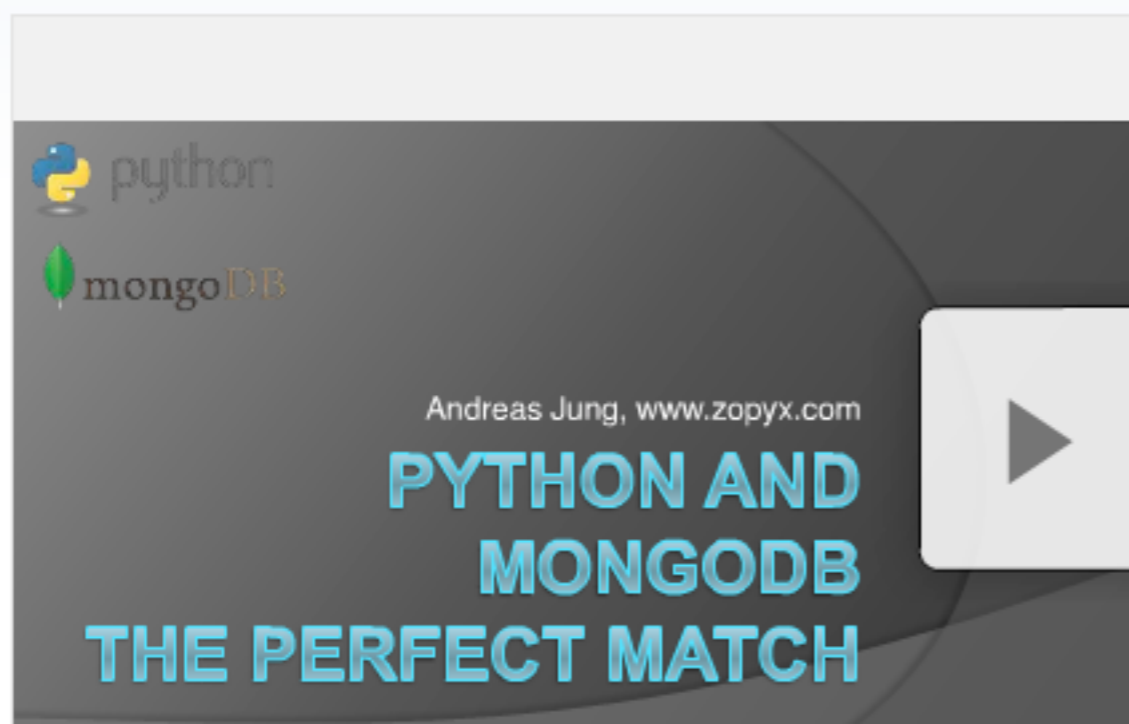
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The task itself...

- Tries using <http://embed.ly/> to find a preview
- Fetches the HTTP headers and first 2048 bytes
- If HTML, attempts to extract the <title>
- If other, gets the file type and size from headers

Behind the scenes...

```
ar = enhance_link.delay(url)
poll_url = '/working/%s/' % signed.dumps({
    'task_id': ar.task_id,
    'on_done_url': on_done_url,
})
if 'ajax' in request.POST:
    return render_json(request, {
        'ok': True,
        'poll_url': poll_url,
    })
else:
    return HttpResponseRedirect(poll_url)
```

And when it's done...

```
from celery.backends import default_backend
```

```
...
```

```
task_id = request.REQUEST.get('id', '')
```

```
result = default_backend.get_result(task_id)
```

Configuration

```
# Carrot / Celery: queue uses Redis
CARROT_BACKEND = "ghettoq.taproot.Redis"
BROKER_HOST = " 10.11.11.11" # redis server
BROKER_PORT = 6379
BROKER_VHOST = "6"

# Task results stored in memcached, so they can
# expire automatically
CELERY_RESULT_BACKEND = "cache"
CELERY_CACHE_BACKEND = \
    "memcached://10.11.11.12:11211;..."
```

Advanced Celery

- **celerybeat** for scheduling periodic tasks (a smarter version of cron)
- **celeryev** / **celerymon** for monitoring your worker cluster
- **celerycam** for snapshotting cluster state

The Activity Stream pattern

- How do you implement Twitter?
- Give every user an “inbox” list of message IDs from the people they follow
- Write an ID in to EVERY follower’s inbox when a user tweets
- @timoreilly has 1,473,990 followers
 - redis at 100,000 writes/second = 1.5 seconds



Fabric

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Fabric

About

Fabric is a Python (2.5 or higher) library and command-line tool for streamlining the use of SSH for application deployment or systems administration tasks.

It provides a basic suite of operations for executing local or remote shell commands (normally or via `sudo`) and uploading/downloading files, as well as auxiliary functionality such as prompting the running user for input, or aborting execution.

Typical use involves creating a Python module containing one or more functions, then executing them via the `fab` command-line tool. Below is a small but complete “fabfile” containing a single task:

```
from fabric.api import run

def host_type():
    run('uname -s')
```

Once a task is defined, it may be run on one or more servers, like so:

```
$ fab -H localhost,linuxbox host_type
[localhost] run: uname -s
[localhost] out: Darwin
[linuxbox] run: uname -s
[linuxbox] out: Linux

Done.
Disconnecting from localhost... done.
Disconnecting from linuxbox... done.
```

In addition to use via the `fab` tool, Fabric’s components may be imported into other Python code,

- Turn Python functions in to command line arguments
- High level abstraction over SSH for running commands on remote machines

Automated deployments

- Every project **needs** automated deployments
 - Repeatable, documented, easy to roll back
- Ops people rave about Chef and Puppet
 - Powerful... but hard to set up
- Fabric: take your current procedure, wrap it in a few lines of Python

Simple examples

```
# fabfile.py  
from fabric.api import run
```

```
def clear_cache():  
    run('echo "flush_all" | nc localhost 11211')
```

```
$ fab -H memcach1,memcache2 clear_cache
```

Simple examples

```
REDIS_URL = 'http://mirrors.kernel.org/ubuntu/pool/' + \  
            'universe/r/redis/redis-server_2.0.0~rc2-1_amd64.deb'
```

```
def bootstrap_redis():
```

```
    run('cd /tmp && wget %s' % REDIS_URL)
```

```
    sudo('dpkg --force-confnew -i /tmp/redis-server_2.0.0~rc2-1_amd64.deb')
```

```
    put('config-files/redis.conf', '/tmp/redis.conf')
```

```
    sudo('mv /tmp/redis.conf /etc/redis/redis.conf')
```

```
    sudo('/etc/init.d/redis-server restart')
```


Simple examples

```
def git_export():
    env.deploy_date = datetime.datetime.now().strftime(
        '%Y-%m-%d-%H%M%S'
    )
    env.export_path = '/tmp/export/%s' % (env.deploy_date)
    local('mkdir -p %(export_path)s' % env)
    local(
        'cd .. && git archive --prefix=lanyrd/ --format=tar ' +
        'master | tar -x -C %(export_path)s' % env
    )
```

```
$ fab git_export
```

Rollback with symlinks

```
def repoint_symlink():  
    with settings(warn_only = True):  
        run('rm %(deploy_dir)s/previous' % env)  
        run('mv %(deploy_dir)s/current %(deploy_dir)s/previous' % env)  
        run('ln -s %(deploy_dir)s/%(deploy_date)s %(deploy_dir)s/current' % env)
```

```
def rollback():  
    run('mv %(deploy_dir)s/current %(deploy_dir)s/_previous' % env)  
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```

servers.json

```
{  
  "servers": {  
    "appserver1": {  
      "instance_id": "i-a13432d",  
      "public_dns": "ec2-111-11-121-211.compute-1.amazonaws.com",  
      "private_dns": "ip-10-195-11-112.ec2.internal",  
      "private_ip": "10.195.11.112"  
    },  
    "appserver2": {  
      "instance_id": "i-a34344e",  
      "public_dns": "ec2-112-11-121-211.compute-1.amazonaws.com",  
      "private_dns": "ip-10-204-111-116.ec2.internal",  
      "private_ip": "10.204.111.116"  
    },  
  },  
}
```

servers.json

....

```
"roles": {  
  "appserver": ["appserver1", "appserver2"],  
  "solrmaster": ["services3"],  
  "solrslave": ["appserver1", "appserver2", "services2"],  
  "solrread": ["services3", "appserver1", "appserver2", "services2"],  
  "redis": ["services3"],  
  "queuebroker": ["services3"],  
  "memcached": ["appserver1", "appserver2", "services3"],  
}  
}
```

In the fabfile.py

```
_js = json.load(open('servers.json'))
```

```
servers = _js['servers']
```

```
roles = _js['roles']
```

```
def server(name):
```

```
    env.hosts = env.hosts or []
```

```
    env.hosts.append('ubuntu@%s' % servers[name]['public_dns'])
```

```
def role(name):
```

```
    for server_name in roles[name]:
```

```
        server(server_name)
```

```
$ fab role:memcached clear_cache
```

Dynamic nginx config

```
def deploy_nginx_config():
    def _nginx_backends(role, port):
        return '\n'.join(
            'server %s:%s;' % (info['private_ip'], port)
            for name, info in servers.items() if name in roles[role]
        )
    content = open('config-files/nginx.conf').read()
    content = content % {
        'backends': _nginx_backends('appserver', 8000),
        'solrmaster': _nginx_backends('solrmaster', 8080),
        'solrslaves': _nginx_backends('solrread', 8080),
    }
    open('/tmp/nginx.conf', 'w').write(content)
    put('/tmp/nginx.conf', '/tmp/nginx.conf')
    sudo('mv /tmp/nginx.conf /etc/nginx/nginx.conf')
```

```
$ fab role:loadbalancer deploy_nginx_config
```

Dream setup

- Web interface to push a git tag to staging
- Big Red Button to push staging to production





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