



Deliver a more robust search with Search API and Solr





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So why

... are we doing this talk?





Search is important

- Site owners want their search to work better
- Site users expect relevant results
- Search API + Apache Solr search offers a compelling solution for Drupal



Statistics

- **59%** of web visitors frequently use internal site search
- **50%** of people go straight to the internal search box
- 15% prefer search over the menu

Source provided in resources slide



So where do we start

... this DOES seem important!?

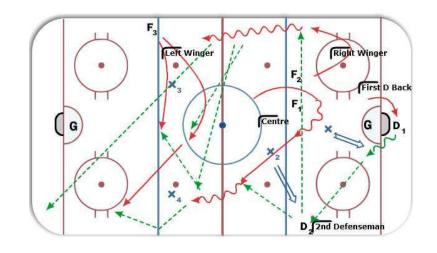




Get a game plan

When preparing to build your search:

- Ask questions
- Consider common features
- Consider your users and what might be useful to them





Questions to ask

- What content should be indexed?
- Do you need multiple indexes?
- What content needs priority?
- Do you need to filter results?
- Should all content share the same display or is there a need for specialty displays?



Search Solutions

There are several search options in the Drupal world.



Let's take a look.



Search Solutions

- Core Drupal search
- Google Search Integration
- Search API + database
- Search API + Apache Solr
- Elasticsearch











Search Solutions

Option	Level of effort	Performance	Customization	Drupal support
Core search	Low	Low	Low	High
Google Search Integration	Low	High	Low	High
Search API + DB	Medium	Low	High	High
Search API + Solr	High	High	High	Medium
Elasticsearch	High	High	High	Low



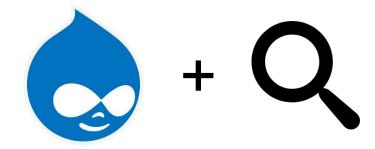
Why choose Search API + Solr?

- Performant
- Highly configurable
- Supported by major Drupal hosting providers
- Battle tested



What you will need

... to build with Search API + Solr







What you will need

Solr Hosting

- Provided by your Drupal host Pantheon, Acquia, and Platform.sh
- Other hosted Solr
 Websolr, Opensolr, Searchstax, others...
- Roll your own
 Self-hosted, Digital Ocean Droplet, AWS, etc.



What you will need continued...

Modules

- Search API
- Search API Solr Search
- Facets
- Views



What we will cover

... and important things to know.





What we will cover

- Set up your connection to your Solr server and index
- A strategy for indexing Paragraphs
- Tuning search results
- Creating the search view
- Configure facets



Search API Servers

- These are configuration entities
- Manage the connection to the search backend
- Could be a database, Solr, Elasticsearch, etc.



Search API Indexes

- Define entity types and bundles that are indexed
- Define fields that are indexed
- Pre and post processing of the indexed content



Facets

- Facets have the ability to keep context to the current search results
- Exclude objects that don't meet certain criteria
- Provide flexibility
- Filter with the speed



Search View

- Just using core Views
- The view is based off of the Search API Index
- Using fields to render results with a highlighted excerpt



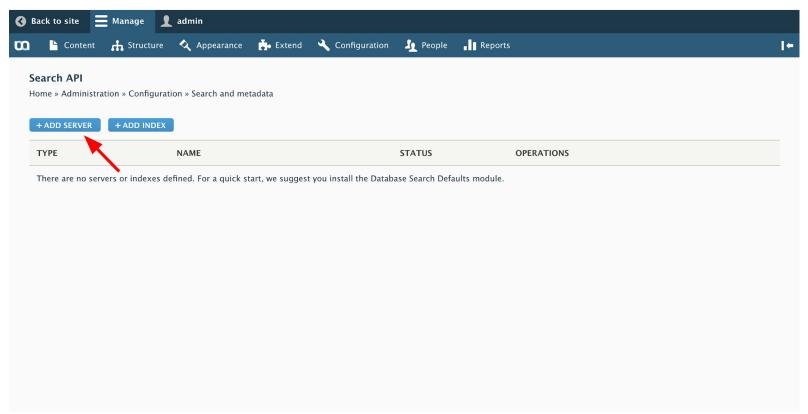
Walkthrough

https://github.com/fourkitchens/dcon2018-searchapi-solr



Configures the connection to the Solr backend





Path: /admin/config/search/search-api



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compa	ult a single Solr backend based Search API server is able to index the data of multiple Drupal sites. But this is an expert-only and dangerous feature that mainly exists for backward tibility. If you really index multiple sites in one index and don't activate 'Retrieve results for this site only' below you have to ensure that you enable 'Retrieve result data from Solr'! ise it could lead to any kind of errors!



Search API server: Status

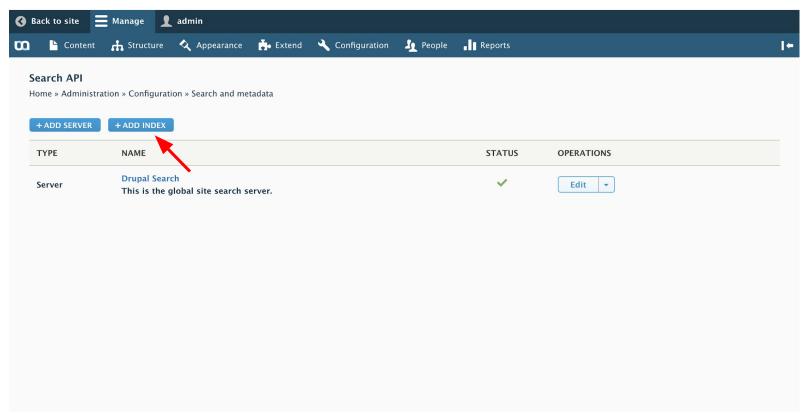
Drupal Search Home » Administration » Configuration » Search an	d metadata » Search API	FILES
This is the global site search server.		
Status	enabled (disable)	
Backend class	Solr	
Search indexes	Drupal Search	
Solr connector plugin	Standard	
Solr server URI	http://solrindex:8983/solr/	
Solr core URI	http://solrindex:8983/solr/#/collection1	
Server Connection	The Solr server could be reached.	
Core Connection	The Solr core could be accessed (latency: 2.4798379669189 ms).	
Configured Solr Version	6.6.3	
Detected Solr Version	6.6.3	
Indexed	12 items (74.89 KB on disk)	
Delay	2 min before updates are processed.	
Schema	drupal-5.5-solr-6.x	
Solr Core Name	collection1	

Path: /admin/config/search/search-api/server/<server_name>



Defines the content that will be searchable





Path: /admin/config/search/search-api



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Custom menu link ?	
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ct one or more data sources of items that will be stored in this index.
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▼ BUNDLES
Which bundles should be indexed?
Only those selected
○ All except those selected



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Which bundles should be indexed?		
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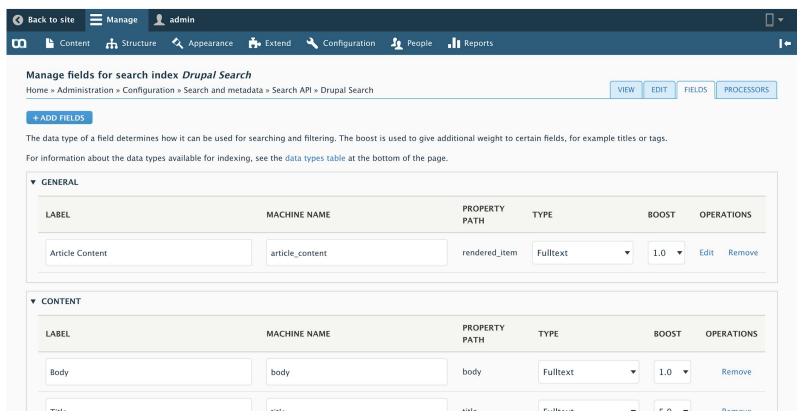
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The order in which items will be indexed.	
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Drupal Search	
elect the server this index should use. Indexes cannot be enabled without a connection to a valid, enabled server.	
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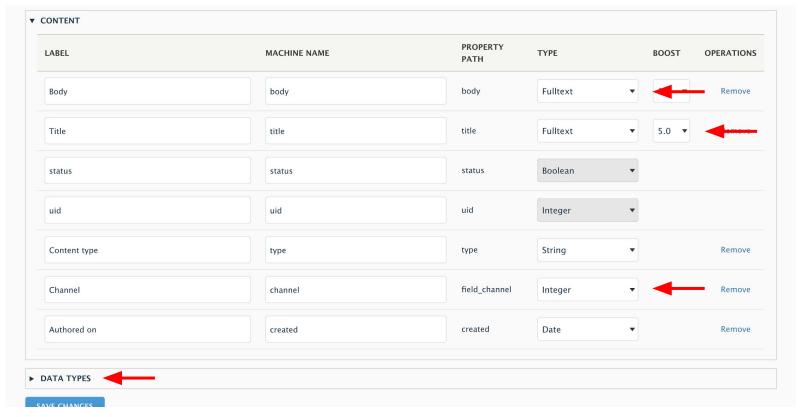
Index fields

Define the fields that are indexed

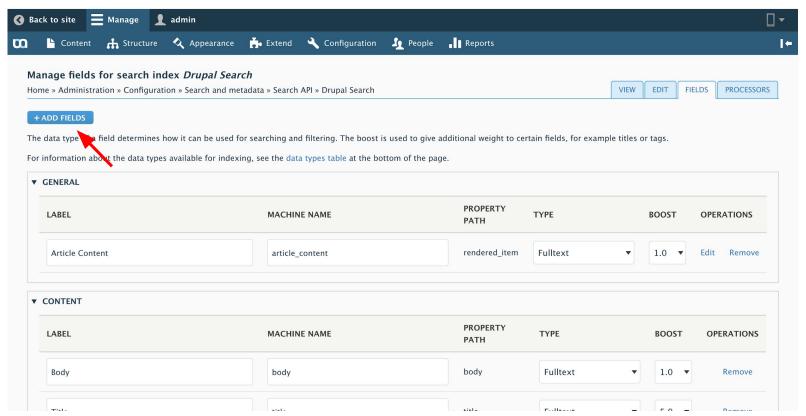




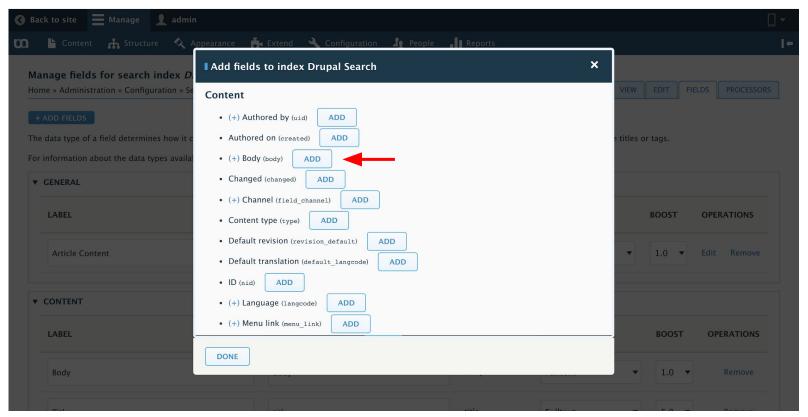














Indexing Paragraphs

A strategy...





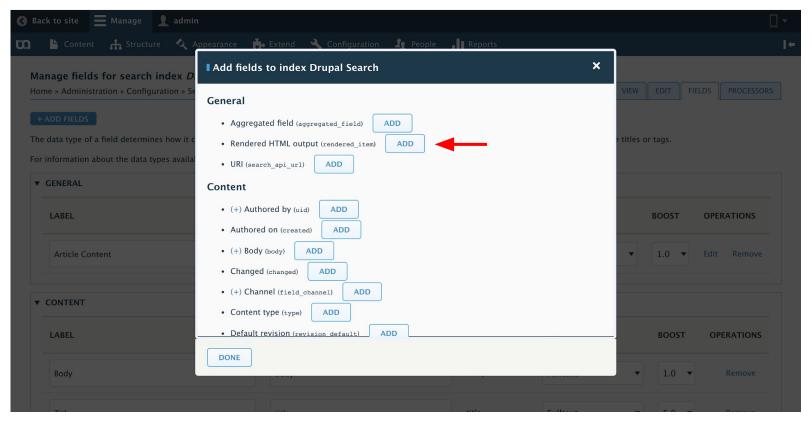
Search API index: Paragraphs

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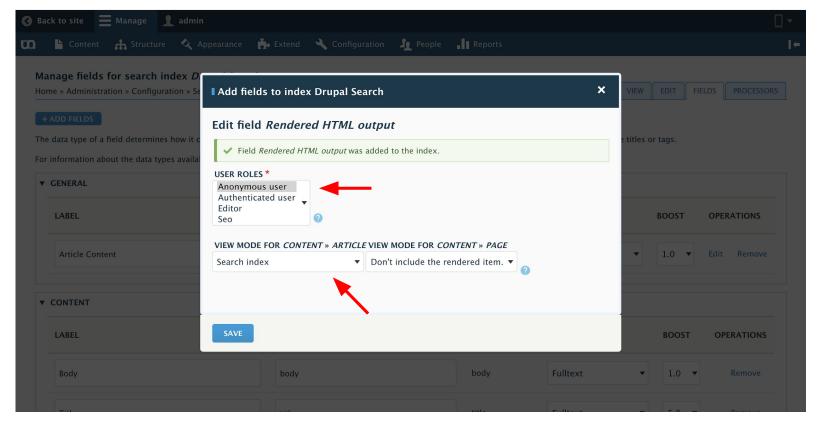


Search API index: Paragraphs





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Processors

Configure how indexed content is manipulated during indexing and retrieval



Search API index: Processors

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Manage processors for search Home » Administration » Configuration »		API » Drupal Search			VIEW	EDIT	FIELDS	PROCESSORS	
Configure processors which will pre- and	d post-process data at index and	d search time.							
ENABLED Content access Entity status Highlight HTML filter Ignore case Ignore characters Index hierarchy Stemmer Stopwords Tokenizer Transliteration									



Search API index: Processors

PREPROCESS INDEX	Show row weights	PREPROCESS QUERY	Show row weights	POSTPROCESS QUERY	Show row weights
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+ HTML filter		⊕ Ignore case			
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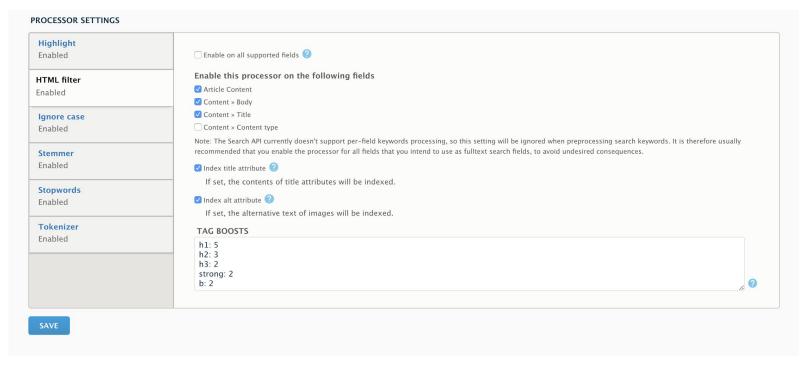


Search API index: Processors: Highlight

Highlight Enabled	HIGHLIGHT RETURNED FI	IELD DATA	
HTML filter	Always	•	
Enabled	☐ Highlight partial matches ②		
Ignore case Enabled	☑ Create excerpt ②		
Enabled	EXCERPT LENGTH		
Stemmer Enabled	256	0	
Stopwords	Exclude fields from excer		
Enabled	Article Content (article_conte	ent)	
Tokenizer	☑ Title (title)		
Enabled	Exclude certain fulltext fields fro	om being included in the excerpt.	
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	HIGHLIGHTING SUFFIX		
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SAVE			



Search API index: Processors: HTML filter



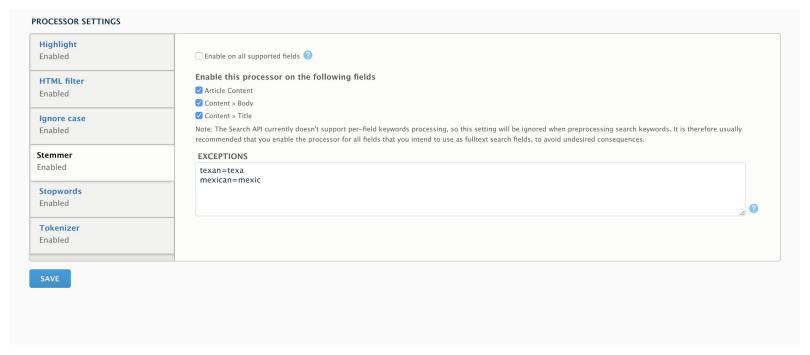


Search API index: Processors: Ignore case



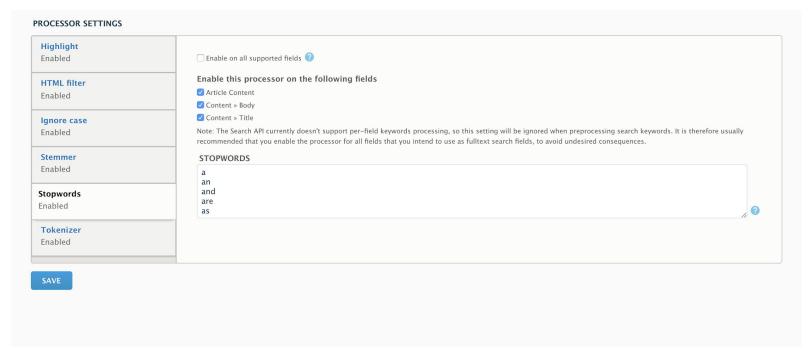


Search API index: Processors: Stemmer





Search API index: Processors: Stopwords





Search API index: Processors: Tokenizer

Highlight Enabled	☐ Enable on all supported fields ②
HTML filter	Enable this processor on the following fields
Enabled	☑ Article Content
	▼ Content » Body
Ignore case	Content » Title
Enabled	Note: The Search API currently doesn't support per-field keywords processing, so this setting will be ignored when preprocessing search keywords. It is therefore usually recommended that you enable the processor for all fields that you intend to use as fulltext search fields, to avoid undesired consequences.
Stemmer	WHITESPACE CHARACTERS
Enabled	
Stopwords	
Enabled	✓ Simple CJK handling ②
	MINIMUM WORD LENGTH TO INDEX
Tokenizer	
Enabled	3
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Search API index: Status

Drupal Search					
Home » Administration » Configuration » Searc	h and metadata » Search API	VIEW	EDIT	FIELDS	PROCESSORS
This is the global site search server index.					
Index status					
0/12 indexed					0%
Status	enabled (disable)				
Datasource	Content (0/12 indexed)				
Tracker	Default				
Server	Drupal Search				
Server index status	There are 0 items indexed on the server for this index. (More information)				
Cron batch size	During cron runs, 50 items will be indexed per batch.				
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Cron batch size ▼ START INDEXING NOW	During cron runs, 50 items will be indexed per batch. items INDEX NOW				

Path: /admin/config/search/search-api/index/<index_name>



Search results view

Renders the search page and form



Adding search view

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VIEW BASIC INFORMATION VIEW NAME *			
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PAGE TITLE			
Search Results			
PATH			
search-results			

Path: /admin/structure/views/add



Adding search view

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Create a menu link						
Include an RSS feed						
Include an RSS leed						
LOCK SETTINGS						

Path: /admin/structure/views/add



Search view: Fields

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Title: Search Results		Path: /search			
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Search: Excerpt		More link: No			
FILTER CRITERIA	Add ▼				
Search: Fulltext search (or)					
SORT CRITERIA	Add ▼				
Search: Relevance (desc)					

Path: /admin/structure/views/view/<view_name>



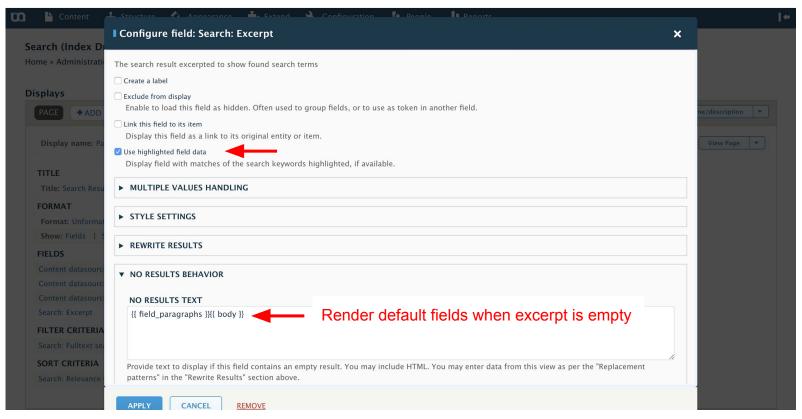
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FIELDS	Add ▼	FOOTER	Add		
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Content datasource: Body [hidden]		Use pager: Mini Mini pager, 10 items			
Search: Excerpt		More link: No			
FILTER CRITERIA	Add ▼	More link. No			
Search: Fulltext search (or)					
SORT CRITERIA	Add ▼				
Search: Relevance (desc)					

Path: /admin/structure/views/view/<view_name>



Search view: Fields



Path: /admin/structure/views/view/<view name>



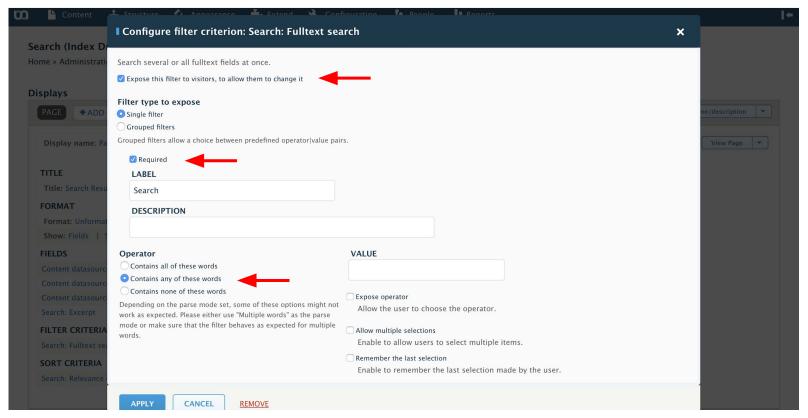
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FORMAT		Menu: No menu			
Format: Unformatted list Settings		Access: None			
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FIELDS	Add ▼	FOOTER	Add		
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Content datasource: Paragraphs [hidden]		PAGER			
Content datasource: Body [hidden]		Use pager: Mini Mini pager, 10 items			
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Search: Fulltext search (or)	•				
SORT CRITERIA	Add ▼				
Search: Relevance (desc)					

Path: /admin/structure/views/view/<view_name>



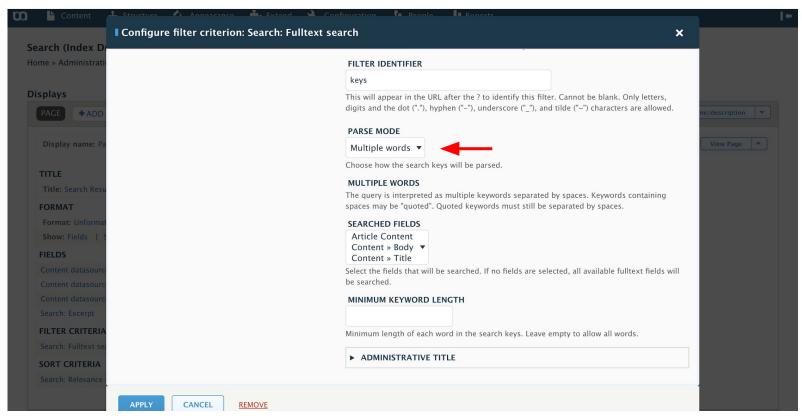
Search view: Filter



Path: /admin/structure/views/view/<view_name>



Search view: Filter



Path: /admin/structure/views/view/<view name>



Search view: Sorting

plays					
PAGE + ADD					Edit view name/description
Display name: Page					View Page ▼
TITLE		PAGE SETTINGS		► ADVANCED	
Title: Search Results		Path: /search			
FORMAT		Menu: No menu			
Format: Unformatted list Settings		Access: None			
Show: Fields Settings		HEADER	Add		
FIELDS	Add ▼	FOOTER	Add		
Content datasource: Title		NO RESULTS BEHAVIOR	Add		
Content datasource: Paragraphs [hidden]		PAGER			
Content datasource: Body [hidden]		Use pager: Mini Mini pager, 10 items			
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Search: Fulltext search (or)					
SORT CRITERIA	Add ▼				
Search: Relevance (desc)					

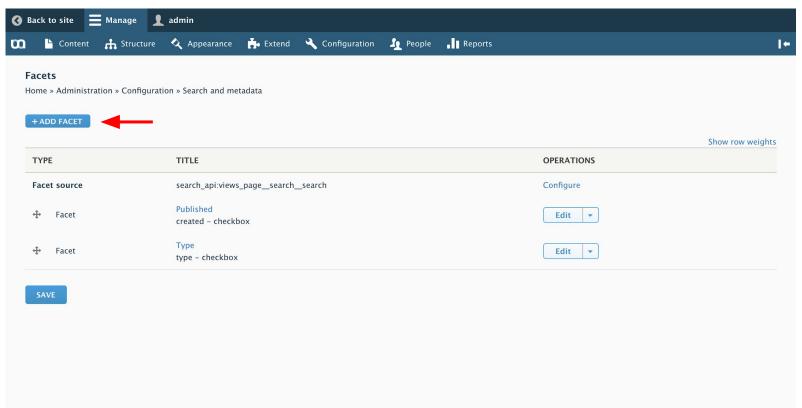
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Facets







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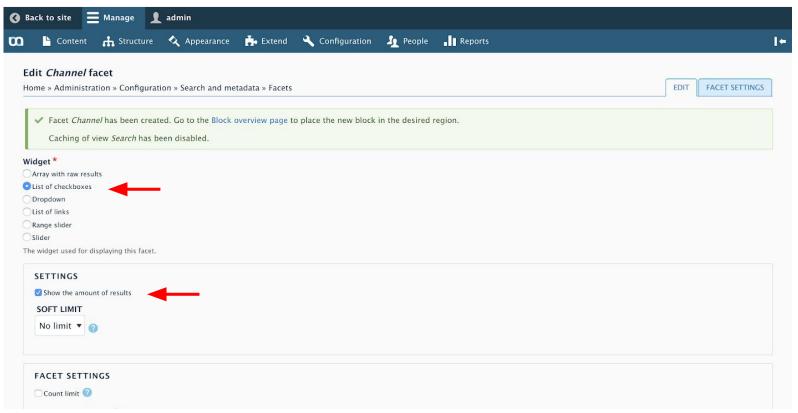




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Path: admin/config/search/facets/add-facet









FACET SETTINGS		
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Date item processor 🕖		
Dependent facet 🔞		
Exclude specified items ②		
Granularity item processor 🕜		
Hide active items ②		
Hide facet with 1 result ②		
☑ Hide non–narrowing results ②		
List item label ②		
Range slider ②		
Show only deepest item levels ②		
Slider ②		
☑ Transform entity ID to label ②		
✓ URL handler ②		
Hide facet when facet source is not rendered		
Ensure that only one result can be displayed 🕝		
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Empty facet behavior*				
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ake this action if a facet has no	items.			
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AND filters are exclusive and nam	row the result set. OR filters are inclusi	ive and widen the result set.		
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FACET SORTING				

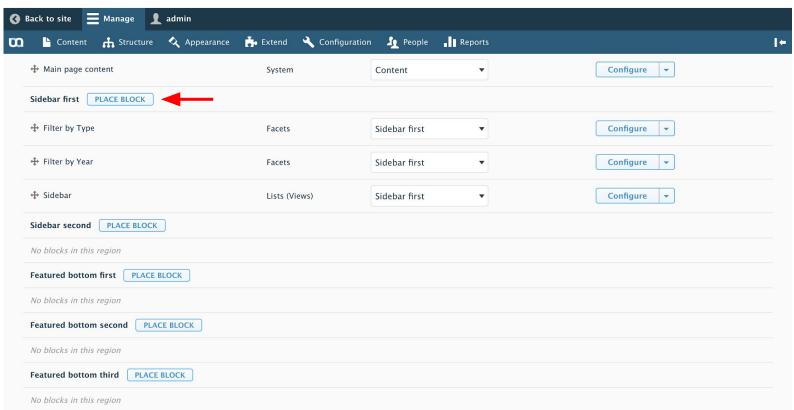




FACET SORTING				
Sort by active state				
Ascending				
 Descending 				
Sort by count Sort order Ascending Descending				
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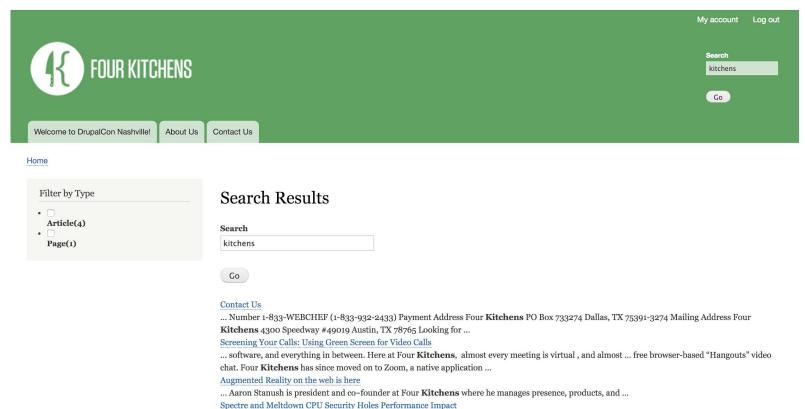
Facets: Place blocks



Path: /admin/structure/block



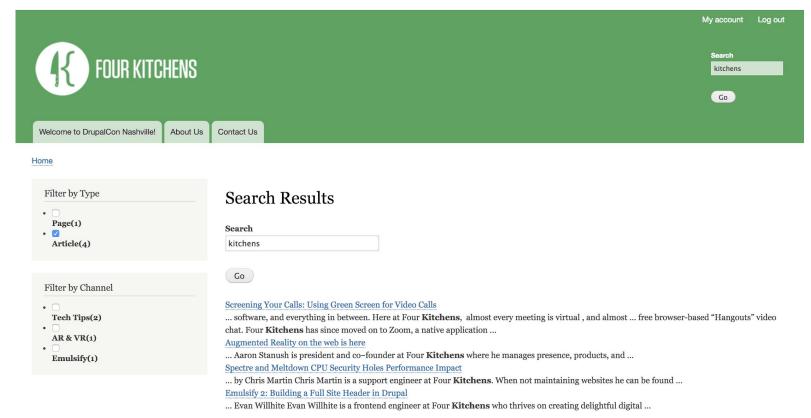
Search results



Path: /search



Search results



Path: /search



Monitoring

- Using Google Analytics by defining a Query parameters with GA itself.
- Using the "Track internal Search" mechanism on Google analytics module.
- Search API Stats (in development)
- Drupal 8 community modules in early development



Resources

Example Site Repo:

https://github.com/fourkitchens/dcon2018-searchapi-solr

Modules:

https://www.drupal.org/project/search_api

https://www.drupal.org/project/search api solr

https://www.drupal.org/project/facets

Documentation:

https://www.drupal.org/docs/8/modules/search-api

https://www.drupal.org/node/1999280

https://drushcommands.com/drush-8x/search-api



...MOAR Resources

UX:

https://www.cludo.com/blog/search-vs-navigate-people-behave-websites-search-navigate https://www.nngroup.com/articles/filters-vs-facets

Monitoring:

https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/1012264 https://www.webwash.net/how-to-track-site-search-queries-in-drupal

Elastic Search

https://www.drupal.org/project/elasticsearch_connector https://www.lullabot.com/articles/indexing-content-from-drupal-8-to-elasticsearch



Thank you maintainers!

Search API

- drunken monkey
- Nick_vh

Facets

- StryKaizer
- Borisson_
- Nick_vh

Search API Solr

- Mkalkbrenner
- cspitzlay
- drunken monkey
- Berdir
- amateescu



Reminder: Contribution sprints

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mentored

Core sprint

9:00-18:00

Room: 103

First time

sprinter workshop

9:00-12:00

Room: 101

General

sprint

9:00-18:00

Room: 104

#drupalsprint



What did you think?

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Thank you!



Questions?