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## eZ Find 2.2 Customization & Advanced development

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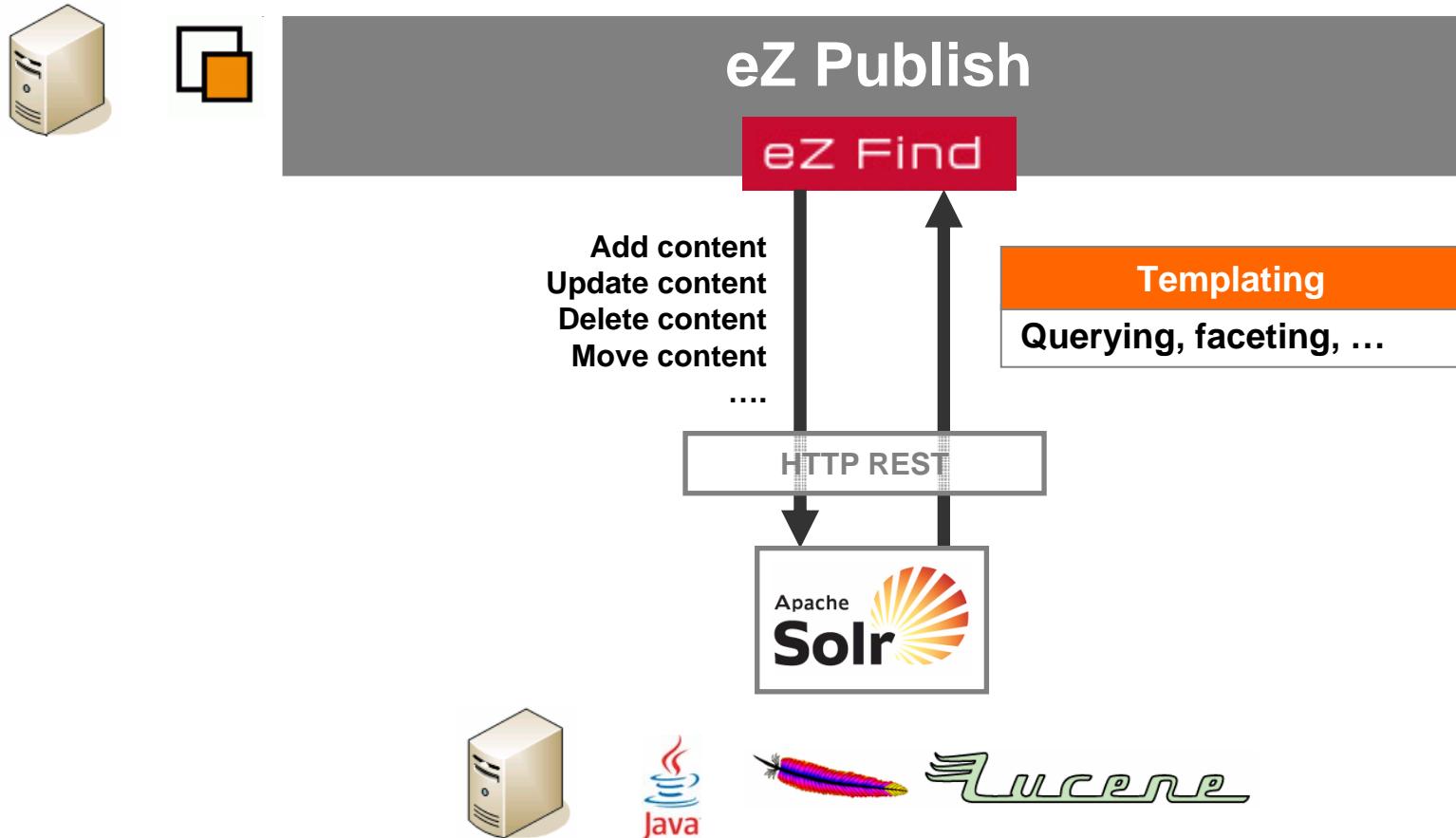
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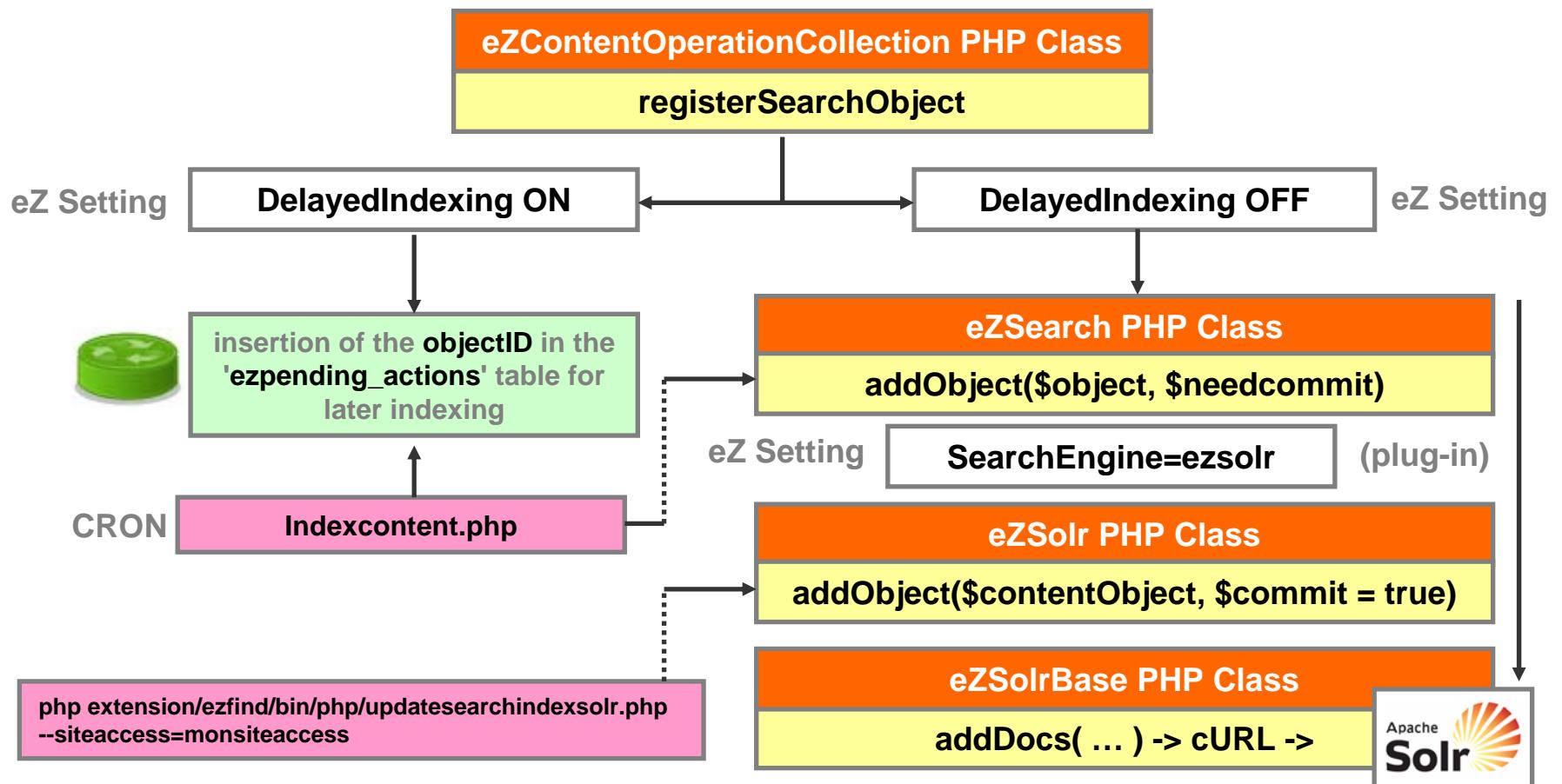
# Chapter 1 : Introduction about eZ Find

## ► How eZ Find work



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- How eZ Find pushes content from eZ Publish to Solr



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## Chapter 2 : Speed-up eZ Find development tasks

- ▶ Re-index some content after a modification
- ▶ Re-indexing all content to merely test one single, minor modification's impact on one's application can quickly become a drawn-out process. A few, hidden, life-saver arguments exist in the concerned script **/bin/php/updatesearchindexsolr.php**, allowing for pointing to:
  - a root node
  - an offset
  - a limit
- ▶ **It is mandatory to use the 3 parameters simultaneously :**

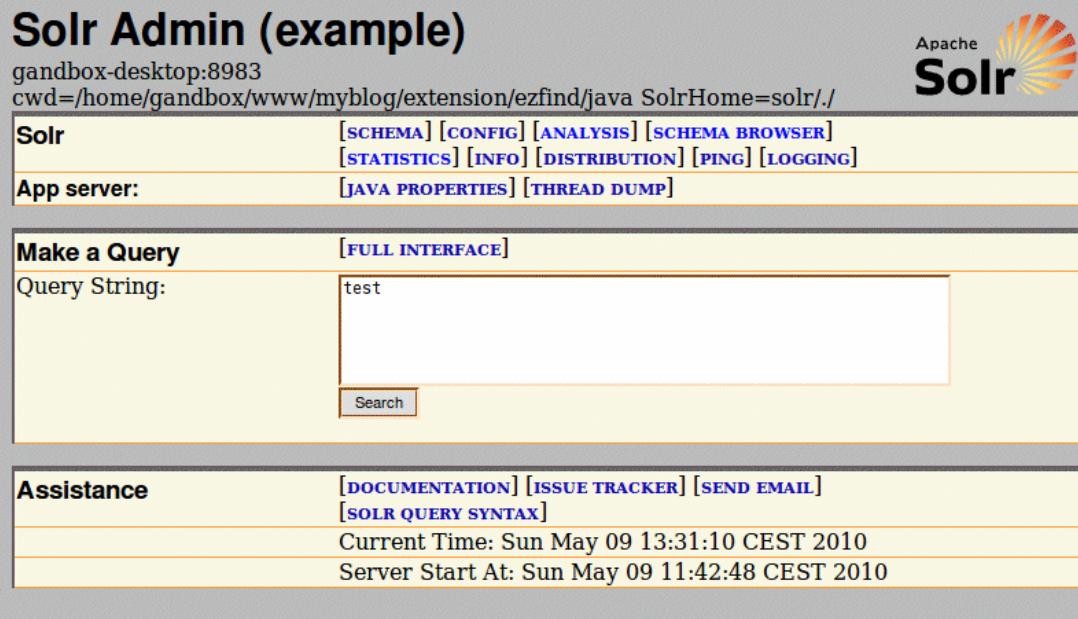
```
phpextension/ezfind/bin/php/updatesearchindexsolr.php  
--siteaccess=mysiteaccess --topNodeID=2546 --offset=0 --limit=10
```

# Chapter 2 : Speed-up eZ Find development tasks

## ► Check what Solr actually indexed

**Solr Admin (example)**

gandbox-desktop:8983  
cwd=/home/gandbox/www/myblog/extension/ezfind/java SolrHome=solr./



The screenshot shows the Apache Solr Admin interface at <http://localhost:8983/solr/admin/>. It displays a search interface with a query string 'test' and a search button. Below it, there's an assistance section with links to documentation, issue tracker, email, and Solr query syntax. The server status shows the current time as Sun May 09 13:31:10 CEST 2010 and the start time as Sun May 09 11:42:48 CEST 2010.

```
-<response>
-<lst name="responseHeader">
  <int name="status">0</int>
  <int name="QTime">2</int>
-<lst name="params">
  <str name="indent">on</str>
  <str name="start">0</str>
  <str name="q">test</str>
  <str name="version">2.2</str>
  <str name="rows">10</str>
</lst>
</lst>
-<result name="response" numFound="83" start="0">
-<doc>
  -<arr name="attr_author_s">
    <str>tset</str>
  </arr>
  -<arr name="attr_author_t">
    <str>tset</str>
  </arr>
  -<arr name="attr_contact_t">
    <str>test@test.fr</str>
  </arr>
  -<arr name="attr_text_t">
    <str>test</str>
  </arr>
  -<arr name="attr_title_s">
    <str>test test test</str>
  </arr>
```

A yellow callout box labeled "Fieldname" points to the "attr\_author\_s" field in the XML response. Another yellow callout box labeled "Value" points to the "tset" value within that field.

# Chapter 2 : Speed-up eZ Find development tasks

## ► Debugging directly in Solr

```
gandbox@gandbox-desktop: ~/www/myblog/extension/ezfind/java
Fichier Édition Affichage Terminal Aide
e t+attr appellations s+attr author t+attr contact t+attr couleur s+attr intro t+attr photo s+attr rating s+attr subtitle t+attr tags lk+attr text t+at^
tr texte t+attr title t+attr todrink s+attr url t+attr zoom t+meta name t&nl.fl=t+attr adresse t+attr appellations s+attr author t+attr
contact t+attr couleur s+attr intro t+attr photo s+attr rating s+attr subtitle t+attr tags lk+attr text t+attr texte t+attr title t+attr todrink s+at^
t+url t+attr zoom t&wt=phpspellcheck collate=true&rows=10&spellcheck.onlyMorePopular=true&hl.snippets=1&facet.sort=false&facet.sort=false&start=0&q=
test&spellcheck.dictionary=default) hits=83 status=0 QTime=16
9 mai 2010 13:19:38 org.apache.solr.core.SolrCore execute
INFO: [] webapp=/solr path=/select params={facet=true&enableElevation=false&sort=score&desc=true&facet.limit=20&hl.simple.pre=<>&hl=true&ve
rsion=2.2&bgp=meta.installation_id s:78872ae0d46b773cd03ae2ce25508*1.5+meta.language_code s:fr-FR*1.26fl+meta.guid +meta.installation_id s+meta.ma
in.url_alias s+meta.installation.url s+meta.main.node_id s+meta.language_code s+meta.name t+score&meta.published dt+meta.path.string sFor
ceElevation=false&hl.simple.post=</>&facet.field=subattr.date-year dt+facet.field-subattr.date-yearmonth dt&qt=ezpublish&fq+meta.path.s:125fq=+(&meta
.installation.id s:78872ae0d46b773cd03ae2ce25508)+AND+(&meta.language_code s:fr-FR+)&AND+meta.is_invisible b:false&fq+meta.contentclass.id s:124
fq+meta.language_code s:fr-FR&hl.requireFieldMatch=false&hl fragsize=200&facet.mincount=1&facet.mincount=1&facet.offset=0&facet.offset=0&facet.indent=on&q
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tr.intro t+attr.photo s+attr.tags lk+attr.text t+attr.title t+attr.todrink s+wt=phprows=10&hl.snippets=1&facet.sort=false&facet.sort=false&start=0&q=
hits=38 status=0 QTime=2
9 mai 2010 13:20:38 org.apache.solr.core.SolrCore execute
INFO: [] webapp=/solr path=/select params={spellcheck=true&facet=true&enableElevation=true&sort=score&desc=true&facet.limit=30&facet.limit=3
&spellcheck.q=test&lt;1.5+meta.installation_id s:78872ae0d46b773cd03ae2ce25508*1.5+meta.language_code s:fr-FR*1
.26fl+meta.guid +meta.installation_id s+meta.main.url_alias s+meta.installation.url s+meta.id s+meta.main.node_id s+meta.language_code s+meta.name
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.name s+facet.field+attr.tags lk+spellcheck.count=1&gt;+meta.installation.id s:78872ae0d46b773cd03ae2ce25508)+AND+(&meta.language_code
.s:fr-FR+)&AND+meta.is_invisible b:false&meta.contentclass.id s:124+OR+meta.contentclass.id s:136fq+meta.language_code s:fr-FR&hl.requireFieldMatch=false&hl fragsize=200&fa
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e t+attr.appellations s+attr.author t+attr.contact t+attr.couleur s+attr.intro t+attr.photo s+attr.rating s+attr.subtitle t+attr.tags lk+attr.text t+at^
tr.texte t+attr.title t+attr.todrink s+attr.url t+attr.zoom t+meta.name t+meta.owner.name t&nl.fl=t+attr.adresse t+attr.appellations s+attr.author t+attr
contact t+attr.couleur s+attr.intro t+attr.photo s+attr.rating s+attr.subtitle t+attr.tags lk+attr.text t+attr.title t+attr.todrink s+at^
tr.url t+attr.zoom t&wt=phpspellcheck.collate=true&rows=10&spellcheck.onlyMorePopular=true&hl.snippets=1&facet.sort=false&facet.sort=false&start=0&q=
test&spellcheck.dictionary=default) hits=83 status=0 QTime=17
9 mai 2010 13:20:39 org.apache.solr.core.SolrCore execute
INFO: [] webapp=/solr path=/select params={facet=true&enableElevation=false&sort=score&desc=true&facet.limit=20&hl.simple.pre=<>&hl=true&ve
rsion=2.2&bgp=meta.installation_id s:78872ae0d46b773cd03ae2ce25508*1.5+meta.language_code s+meta.guid +meta.installation_id s+meta.ma
in.url_alias s+meta.installation.url s+meta.main.node_id s+meta.language_code s+meta.name t+score&meta.published dt+meta.path.string sFor
ceElevation=false&hl.simple.post=</>&facet.field=subattr.date-year dt+facet.field-subattr.date-yearmonth dt&qt=ezpublish&fq+meta.path.s:125fq=+(&meta
.installation.id s:78872ae0d46b773cd03ae2ce25508)+AND+(&meta.language_code s:fr-FR+)&AND+meta.is_invisible b:false&fq+meta.contentclass.id s:124
fq+meta.language_code s:fr-FR&hl.requireFieldMatch=false&hl fragsize=200&facet.mincount=1&facet.mincount=1&facet.offset=0&facet.offset=0&facet.indent=on&q
t+attr.adresse t+attr.intro t+attr.photo s+attr.tags lk+attr.text t+attr.title t+attr.todrink s+wt=phprows=10&hl.snippets=1&facet.sort=false&facet.sort=false&start=0&q=
hits=38 status=0 QTime=2
```

*Active console opened*

**Copy MESSAGE**

INFO: [] webapp=/solr path=/select  
params={ ... **MESSAGE** ... } status=400  
QTime=5

**Past MESSAGE : http://localhost:8983/solr/select/?MESSAGE**

The obtained result is **the exact output sent by Solr to eZ Find before transformation** and display of the results. Using this trick is pretty useful when debugging, by, for example, directly manipulating the messages to retrieve the expected result.

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## Chapter 3 : Fields & Datatypes in Solr and eZ Find

### ► The Solr-side naming of fields



eZ Publish

eZ Find

Indexing process

Attribute Name : **Title** | Attribute datatype : **ezstring** | Class Name : Article

DatatypeMap[ezstring]=text  
DatatypeMapSort[ezstring]=string  
DatatypeMapFacet[]  
DatatypeMapFilter[]

*ezfind.ini*

**attr\_[contentattributename]\_[contentattributetype]**



Solr Field 1 : attr\_title\_s  
Solr Field 2 : attr\_title\_t

**Note the absence of the content class identifier**, opening for nice perspectives like filtering on several content classes having identical names

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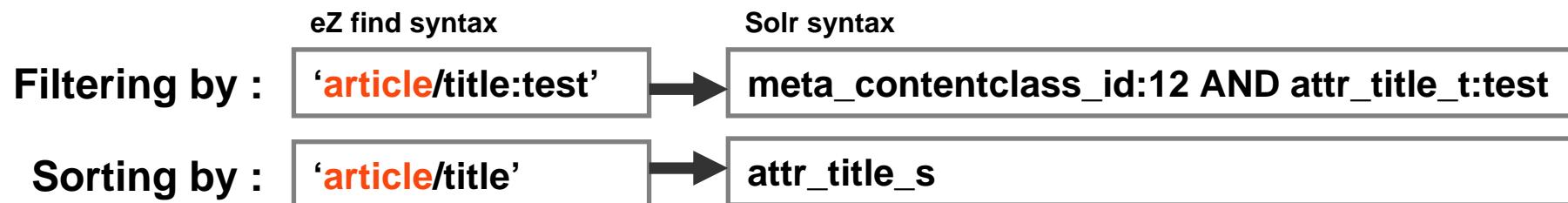
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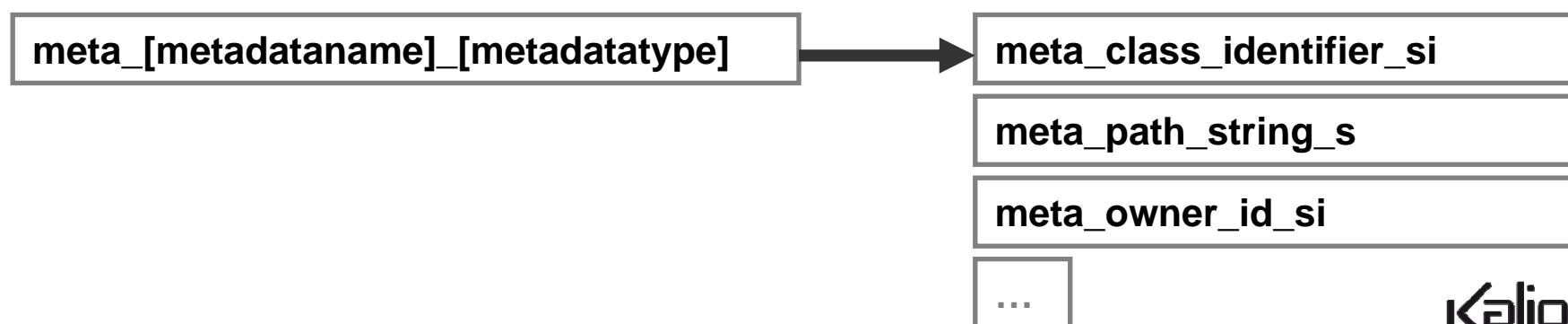
eZ Publish

eZ Find

Fetching process



## ► Metadata fields mapping



## Chapter 3 : Fields & Datatypes in Solr and eZ Find

### ► Sub-attributes names (not used by default)

**subattr\_[contentattributename]-[contentsubattributename]\_[contentsubattributetype]**

### ► Sub-attributes usage ?

Natively, the subattribute concept is not or little used, because the standard state and features of eZ Publish does not require it massively. **It however is here as an opening for advanced usages, and it is, for instance, a great tool to extend eZ Find and index additional fields.**

**Example : subattr\_relatedimage-alttext\_s**

Index your images matadata fields

**Example : subattr\_relatedobject-title\_s**

Index all attributes of an object's related objects

# Chapter 3 : Fields & Datatypes in Solr and eZ Find

## [ezfsolrdocumentfieldobjectrelation](#)

Last updated: Monday 19 April 2010 20:57

| UNIX name                          | Owner          | Status | Version | Compatible with |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| ezfsolrdocumentfieldobjectrelation | gilles guirand | beta   | 0.1     | 4.x             |

enhanced the default ezfind/classes/ezfsolrdocumentfieldobjectrelation.php

### What's for ?

This PHP class enhance the default [ezfind/classes/ezfsolrdocumentfieldobjectrelation.php](#)

The default current ezfind/classes/ezfsolrdocumentfieldobjectrelation.php is not usable for object relation(s) facetting. This PHP class enable object relation(s) facetting using a specific attribute or the 'name' attribute

### Template using

```
(set search=fetch( ezfind , search ,
    hash( query , $search_text,
        'facet', array(
            hash('field', 'myclass/myattribute/mysubattribute')
        )
    )
))
```

OR

```
(set search=fetch( ezfind , search ,
    hash( query , $search_text,
        'facet', array(
            hash('field', 'myclass/myattribute/name')
        )
    )
))
```

## Object relation datatype mapping

### Check my contribution :

[ezfsolrdocumentfieldobjectrelation](#), indexing all attributes of an object's related objects, storing them as subattributes.

This then opens for applying all sorts of operations to these subattributes (search, filtering, facetting), using the **'myclass/myattribute/mysubattribute'** syntax.

<http://projects.ez.no/ezfsolrdocumentfieldobjectrelation>

# Chapter 3 : Fields & Datatypes in Solr and eZ Find

## ► Field type management on the Solr side

**Open and read the file : /ezfind/java/solr/conf/schema.xml.**

This configuration file contains the hard-coded definition for a certain amount of fields (metadata fields for instance), but also defines the so-called **dynamic fields** :

**Solr relies on several configuration files, one of them is used to tell him that :**

- 's' at the end of a field name means **string**,
- 't' for **text**, etc.

```
<dynamicField name="*_i" type="int" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_f" type="float" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_d" type="double" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_si" type="sint" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_sf" type="sfloat" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_sd" type="sdouble" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_s" type="string" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true" termVectors="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_sl" type="slong" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_l" type="long" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_t" type="text" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true" termVectors="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_b" type="boolean" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_dt" type="date" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_random" type="random" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_k" type="keyword" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_lk" type="lckeckword" indexed="true" stored="true" multiValued="true"/>
<!-- some trie-coded dynamic fields for faster range queries -->
<dynamicField name="*_ti" type="tint" indexed="true" stored="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_tl" type="tlong" indexed="true" stored="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_tf" type="tfloat" indexed="true" stored="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_td" type="tdouble" indexed="true" stored="true"/>
<dynamicField name="*_tdt" type="tdate" indexed="true" stored="true"/>
<!-- geopoint for geospatial/location searches, boosting, ... -->
<dynamicField name="*_gpt" type="geopoint" indexed="true" stored="true"/>
```

# Chapter 3 : Fields & Datatypes in Solr and eZ Find

## ► Field type management on the Solr side

- This files can also be used to define more complex behaviours for given eZ Publish datatypes, like the keywords datatype (`ezkeyword`). Two different field types definitions can be found
  - `'keyword'` for case-sensitive cases
  - `'lkeyword'` for lower-case cases
- This example, keywords fields management, teaches a lot about Solr configuration. One can note the way Solr filters are called, how coma-based word separations are handled (`PatternTokenizerFactory`), case-sensitivity management (`LowerCaseFilterFactory`), duplicate removal (`RemoveDuplicatesTokenFilterFactory`), etc.

```
<fieldtype name="lkeyword" class="solr.TextField" positionIncrementGap="100">
<analyzer type="index">
<tokenizer class="solr.PatternTokenizerFactory" pattern=",*" />
<filter class="solr.TrimFilterFactory" />
<filter class="solr.StopFilterFactory" ignoreCase="true" words="stopwords.txt" />
<filter class="solr.LowerCaseFilterFactory"/>
<filter class="solr.RemoveDuplicatesTokenFilterFactory"/>
</analyzer>
<analyzer type="query">
<tokenizer class="solr.PatternTokenizerFactory" pattern=",*" />
<filter class="solr.TrimFilterFactory" />
<filter class="solr.SynonymFilterFactory" synonyms="synonyms.txt" ignoreCase="true" expand="true" />
<filter class="solr.StopFilterFactory" ignoreCase="true" words="stopwords.txt" />
<filter class="solr.LowerCaseFilterFactory"/>
<filter class="solr.RemoveDuplicatesTokenFilterFactory"/>
</analyzer>
</fieldtype>
```

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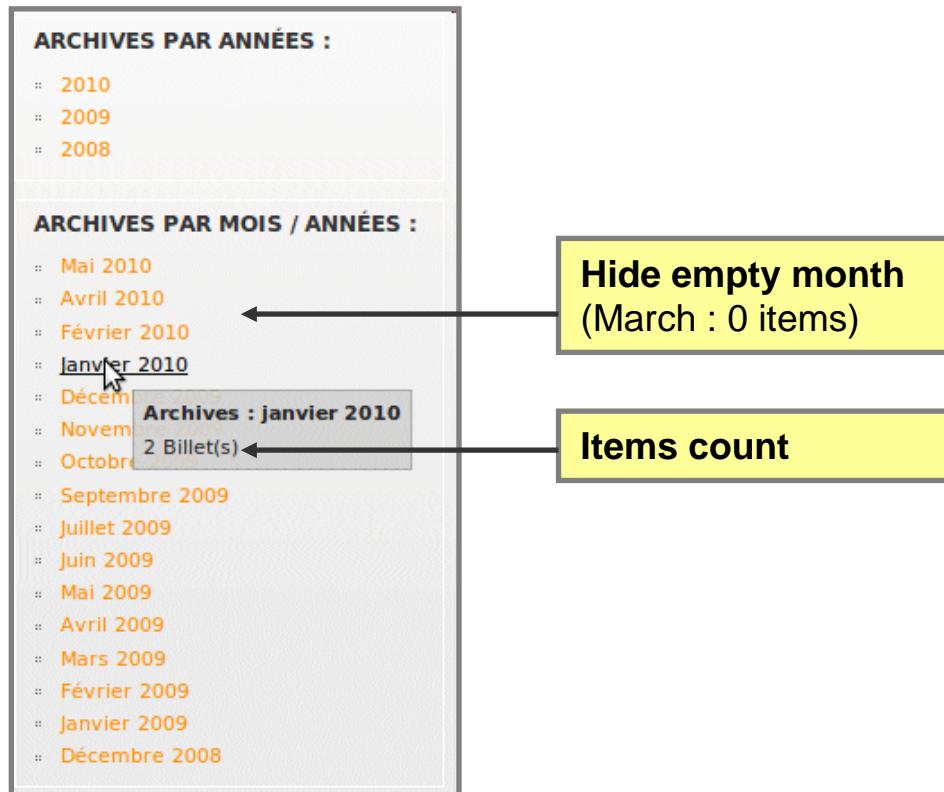
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# Chapter 4 : Indexing additional fields in Solr

- ▶ Presenting the case : Develop a year and year & month filter with eZ Find



Usually in this case, a [template operator](#) is developed which builds the appropriate SQL queries. This can quickly become complicated, and often has sharp limitations ([eZArchive](#))

**eZ Archive classical SQL limitation :**  
Only the 'publication\_date' parameter is taken into account, and no room is left for using a content-class-specific date attribute

# Chapter 4 : Indexing additional fields in Solr

## ► Indexing Year and Year/Month values in Solr

**Create your own PHP class to manage the 'ezdate' datatype**

eZ Find settings ( [ezfind.ini](#), to be overridden in the ezfind.ini.append.php file of your extension ) allow for delegating the indexing process of an eZ Publish datatype to a given PHP class

[SolrFieldMapSettings]

CustomMap[ezdate]=ezfSolrDocumentFieldDate

/extension/myextension/classes/ezfsolrdocumentfielddate.php

```
<?php
class ezfSolrDocumentFieldDate extends ezfSolrDocumentFieldBase ← extends ezfSolrDocumentFieldBase
{
    public static function getFieldName( eZContentClassAttribute $classAttribute, $subAttribute = null, $context = 'search' )
    {
        // return the fieldname like : attr_mydate_d
    }

    public function getData()
    {
        // return the array keys (fieldname => value), like : array('attr_mydate_dt' => '2010-04-30T00:00:00Z')
    }
}
?>
```

# Chapter 4 : Indexing additional fields in Solr

## ► Indexing Year and Year/Month values in Solr

### Role of the `getFieldName()` method

This method is invoked the attributes names (within eZ Find) to Solr field names. For instance, when building a facet using the following syntax : 'mycontentclass/mydateattribute', this method should return 'attr\_mydateattribute\_dt'.

```
const DEFAULT_SUBATTRIBUTE_TYPE = 'date';

public static function getFieldName( eZContentClassAttribute $classAttribute, $subAttribute = null, $context = 'search' )
{
    switch ( $classAttribute->attribute( 'data_type_string' ) )
    {
        case 'ezdate' :
        {
            if ( $subAttribute and $subAttribute !== '' )
            {
                // A subattribute was passed
                return parent::generateSubattributeFieldName( $classAttribute,
                    $subAttribute,
                    self::DEFAULT_SUBATTRIBUTE_TYPE );
            }
            else
            {
                // return the default field name here.
                return parent::generateAttributeName( $classAttribute, self::getClassAttributeType( $classAttribute, null, $context ) );
            }
        } break;

        default:
        {} break;
    }
}
```

**Important** : to make sure the written code is generic enough, and avoid hard-coding the Solr field names, we will use the handy `generateSubattributeFieldName` and `generateAttributeName` methods.

# Chapter 4 : Indexing additional fields in Solr

## ► Indexing Year and Year/Month values in Solr

```

public function getData()
{
    $contentClassAttribute = $this->ContentObjectAttribute->attribute( 'contentclass_attribute' );

    switch ( $contentClassAttribute->attribute( 'data_type_string' ) )
    {
        case 'ezdate' :
        {
            $returnArray = array();

            // Get timestamp attribute value
            $value = $this->ContentObjectAttribute->metaData();

            // Generate the main fileName attr_XXX_dt
            $fieldName = parent::generateAttributeName( $contentClassAttribute,
                self::DEFAULT_ATTRIBUTE_TYPE );
            $returnArray[$fieldName] = parent::convertTimestampToDate( $value );

            // Generate the yearmonth subattribute fileName subattr_year_dt
            $fieldName = parent::generateSubattributeFieldName( $contentClassAttribute,
                'year',
                self::DEFAULT_SUBATTRIBUTE_TYPE );

            $year = date("Y", $value); // Get Year value : 2010
            $returnArray[$fieldName] = parent::convertTimestampToDate( strtotime($year.'-01-01') );

            // Generate the yearmonth subattribute fileName subattr_yeарmonth_dt
            $fieldName = parent::generateSubattributeFieldName( $contentClassAttribute,
                'yearmonth',
                self::DEFAULT_SUBATTRIBUTE_TYPE );

            $month = date("n", $value); // Get Month value : 3
            $returnArray[$fieldName] = parent::convertTimestampToDate( strtotime($year.'-'.$month.'-01') );

            return $returnArray;
        } break;

        default:
        {} break;
    }
}

```

### Role of the `getData()` method

This method is invoked to extract data from eZ Publish, and prepare it prior to indexing in Solr. This method is the place to add additional fields like '**year**' et '**yearmonth**'.

**'mycontentclass/mydateattribute/year'**,  
translated in Solr under :  
**'subattr\_date-year\_dt'**

**'mycontentclass/mydateattribute/yearmonth'**,  
translated in Solr under :  
**'subattr\_date-yearmonth\_dt'**

# Chapter 4 : Indexing additional fields in Solr

## Indexing Year and Year/Month values in Solr

### Building the facet navigation through a template

```
(def $search_yearmonth=fetch( ezfnd, search,
    hash(
        'query' , '',
        'facet', array(
            hash('field', 'billet/date/year',
                'sort', 'alpha',
                'limit', 20),
            hash('field', 'billet/date/yearmonth',
                'sort', 'alpha',
                'limit', 20)
            ),
        'class_id', array('billet'),
        'subtree_array', array(2)
    )))
(def $search_extras_year=$search_yearmonth['SearchExtras'].facet_fields[0].nameList|reverse)
(def $search_extras_yearmonth=$search_yearmonth['SearchExtras'].facet_fields[1].nameList|reverse)
(def $date_count = 0
$ date_ts = 0)
```

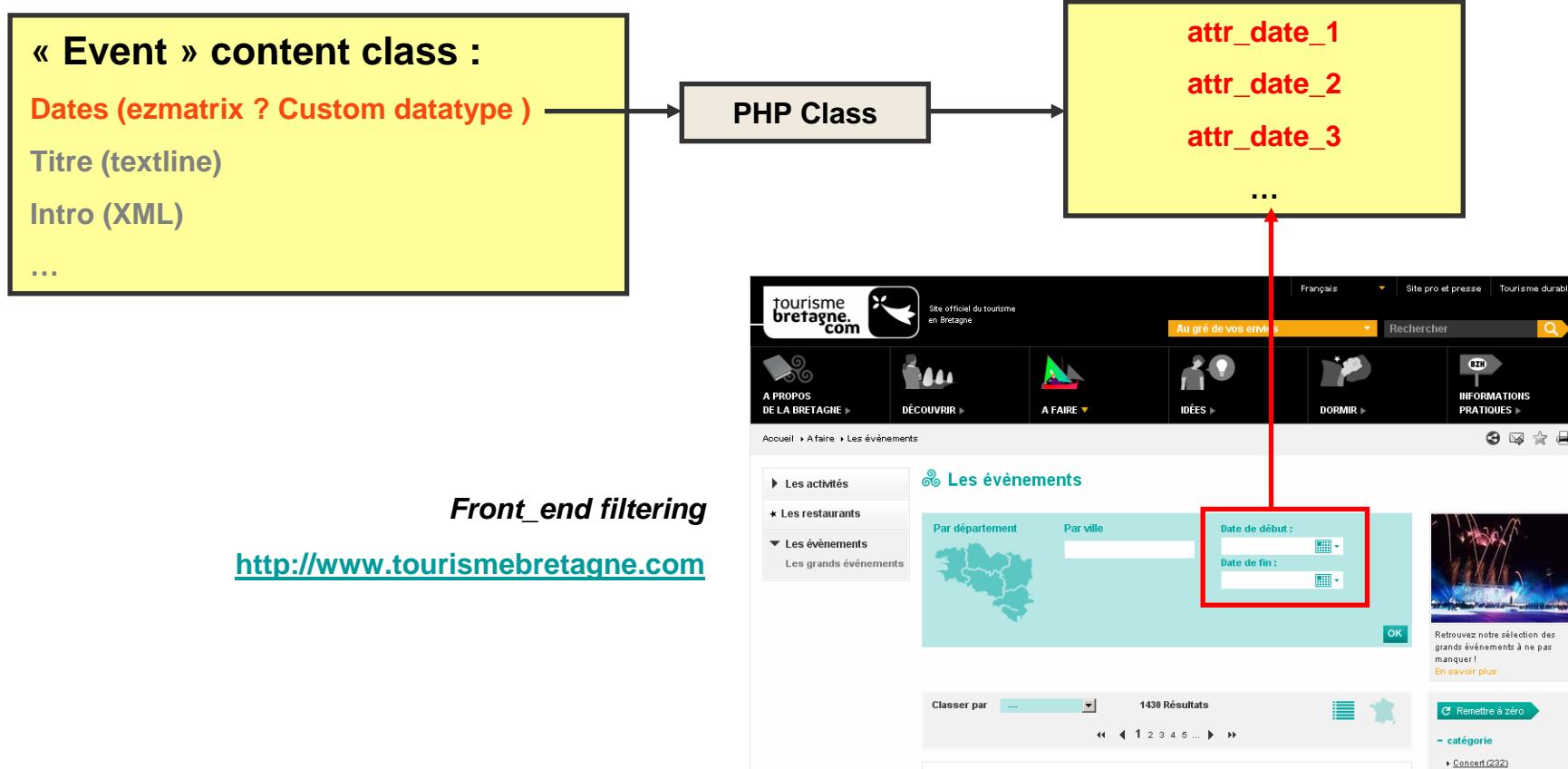
**Note :** The 'sort', 'alpha' statement does not actually specify an alphabetical sort. It rather helps specifying that no 'count' sort should occur (number of items matching a given facet). In this case, Solr automatically uses an '**increasing**' sort, based on its index and the datatype of the concerned field (this explains the usage of the [reverse](#) operator to get an 'increasing' list).

You could manage year / month faceting using eZ Find / Solr in another way. This use case help to learn how manipulate subattributes and additional fields.

# Chapter 4 : Indexing additional fields in Solr

## ► Other real life exemple

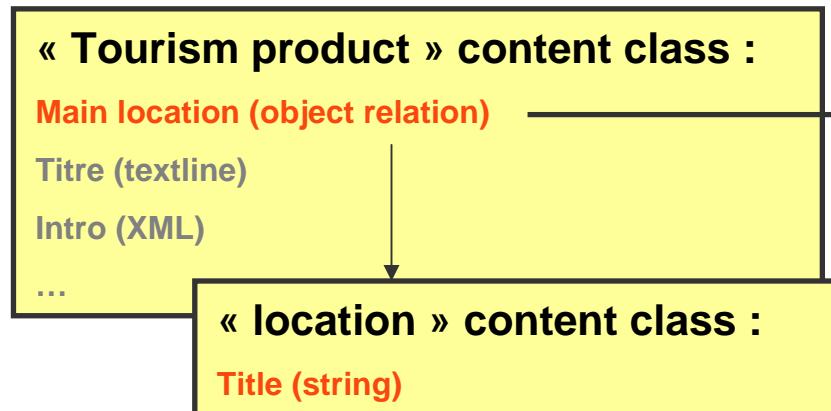
Filtering events using a date range, (multi dates event... each month event)



# Chapter 4 : Indexing additional fields in Solr

## ► Other real life exemple

Faceting on object(s) relation subattribute



<http://projects.ez.no/ezfsolrdocumentfieldobjectrelation>



*Front\_end filtering*  
<http://www.tourismebletage.com>

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## Chapter 5 : Enhance eZ Find using the Solr syntax

- Is it possible to mix eZ Find and Solr syntax ?

**YES, but don't think about it : BAD PRACTICE. This potentially endangering the lower layer's evolutivity (Solr), and your own project evolutivity**

**YES, it could make my day (and save my project)**

```
{def $search=fetch( ezfind, search,
    hash( query , '',
        'class_id', array('post', 'article'),
        'limit', 10,
        'sort_by', hash('attr_date_dt', 'desc')
))}
```

Solr field name

## Chapter 5 : Enhance eZ Find using the Solr syntax

- Resolve a common issue : Sort an attribute present in several content classes

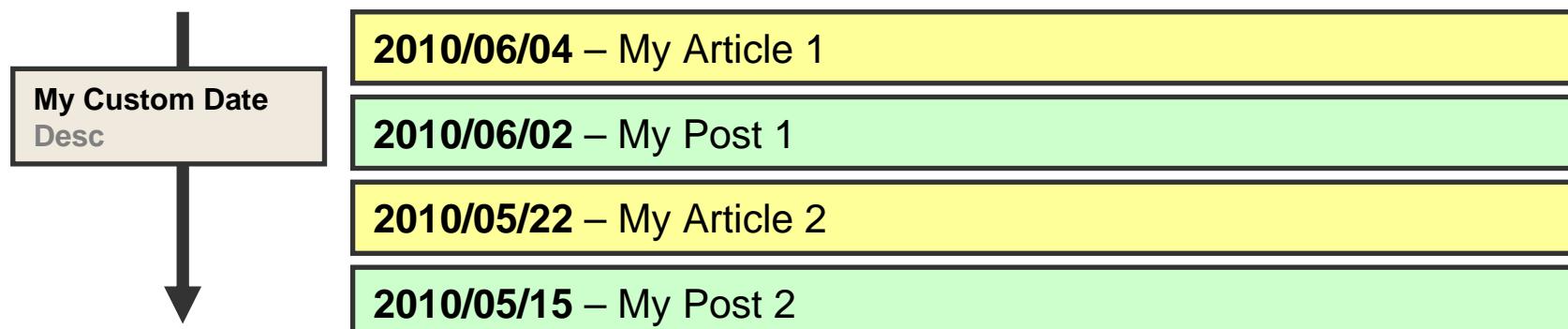
« Article » content class :

My custom Date (date)  
Titre (textline)  
Intro (XML)  
...

« Post » content class :

My custom Date (date)  
Titre (textline)  
Intro (XML)  
...

### Fetching and mixing « article » and « news » content result :



Good luck without using eZ Find : custom Fetch, amazing SQL...

# Chapter 5 : Enhance eZ Find using the Solr syntax

- Resolve a common issue : Sort an attribute present in several content classes

**The solution, using eZ Find :**

**Remember !** The fortunate absence of the content class identifier in the field name means we can leverage this homonymy as we wish, through searches, filters or sorts depending

« eZ Publish » Fetch : Only 1 content class

```
def $search_result = fetch( 'content', 'list', hash( 'parent_node_id', 2,
    'class_filter_type', 'include',
    'class_filter_array', array(24),
    'sort_by', array( array( 'attribute', false(), 'post/date' ) ),
    'limit', 10,
    'depth', 3
))
```

« eZ Find » Fetch : several content class, using the field homonymy

```
def $search=fetch( ezfnd, search,
    hash( query, '',
        'class_id', array('post', 'article'),
        'limit', 10,
        'sort_by', hash('attr_date_dt', 'desc')
))
```

Solr field name

## Chapter 5 : Enhance eZ Find using the Solr syntax

### ► Complex search filters

**Remember !** Solr is a Lucene service : [http://lucene.apache.org/java/2\\_9\\_1/queryparsersyntax.html](http://lucene.apache.org/java/2_9_1/queryparsersyntax.html)

```
'filter', array('NOT (attr_title_t:ez+find) OR attr_intro_t:ez+find) )')
```

Only returns results which contain the '**ez find**' or '**eZ Find**' expression in the '**title**' or '**Intro**' attributes.

Note the usage of the '**text**' (**\_t**) of the '**title**' attribute, bringing **case-insensitivity**, unlike the '**string**' type

```
'filter', array('attr_title_s:[A TO G] AND ezf_df_text:google~0.7')
```

Only returns results of which the '**title**' starts by A,B,C,D, E or F (G excluded), and the content of which approximately contains the '**google**' expression (means it may also contain : Google, iGoogle, etc.).

**Note :** the '**ezf\_df\_text**' field is built dynamically, by copying the content of all of the document's '**string**', '**text**' ou '**keyword**' fields. See the [schema.xml](#) file, and the definition of these "[copyField](#)" fields for more details.

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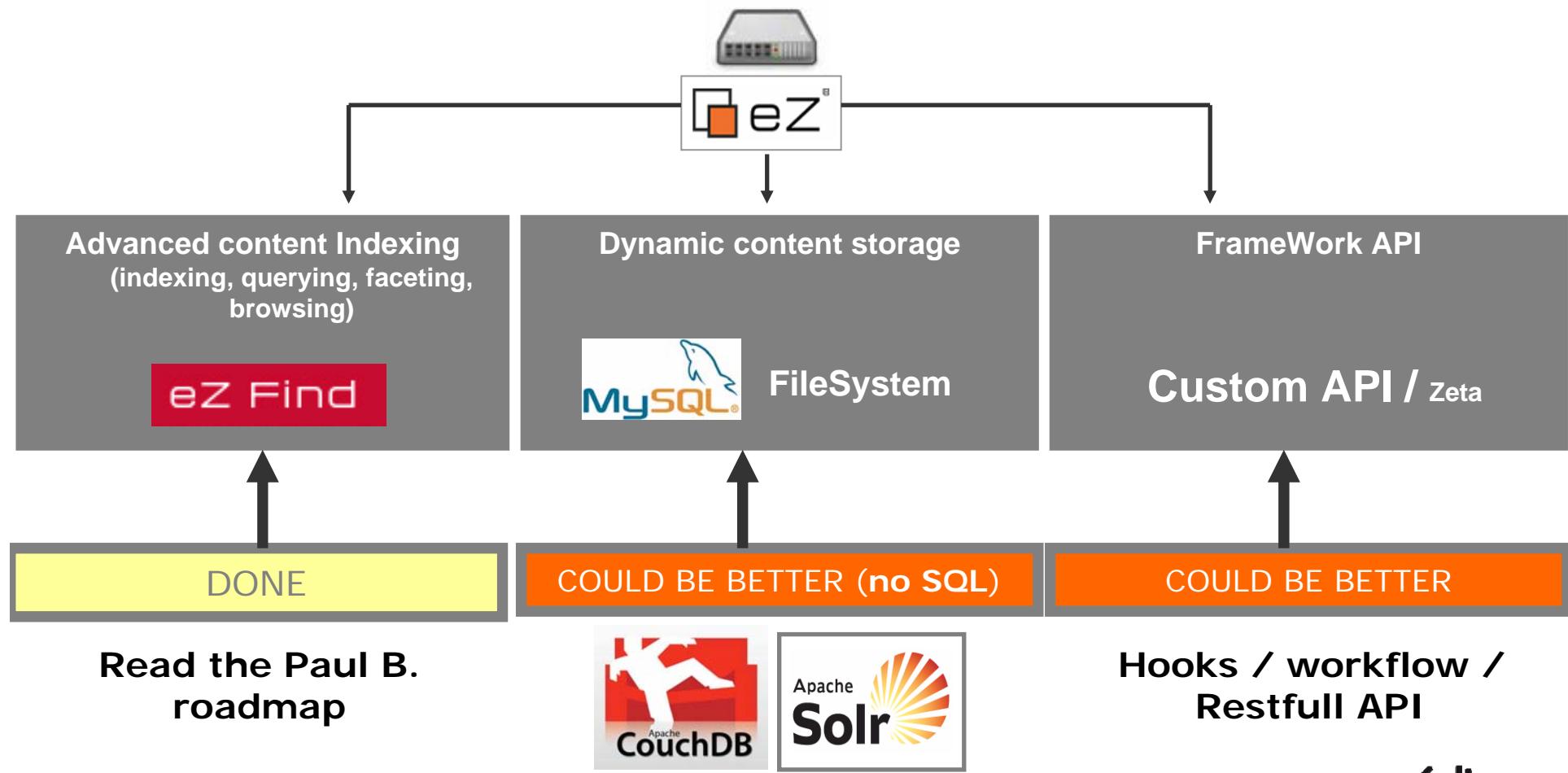
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## Chapter 6 : Conclusion

► eZ Find : first step to the next generation CMS ?



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## Follow me (and find eZ Find tutorials) :

FR : <http://www.gandbox.fr>

The screenshot shows a dark-themed blog post from 'Gandbox.fr'. The title is 'DÉVELOPPEMENT AVANCÉ AVEC EZ FIND (PARTIE 3 : TIRER PROFIT DE LA SYNTAXE SOLR)'. The post content discusses adding extra fields to Solr and using them with eZ Find. It includes a sidebar with a 'Widget' section and a calendar.

EN : <http://share.ez.no>

The screenshot shows a yellow-themed community forum page for 'share.ez.no'. The main article is titled 'Advanced development with eZ Find - part 2 : Indexing additional fields in Solr'. It features a rating system, author information for 'gilles guirand', and a sidebar with 'Get involved' options like 'Get eZ Publish' and 'Get support'.