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21 August 2015, Apache Lucene™ 5.3.0 available
The Lucene PMC is pleased to announce the release of Apache Lucene 5.3.0

Apache Lucene is a high-performance, full-featured text search engine library written entirely in Java. It is a technology suitable for nearly any application that requires full-text search, especially cross-platform.

This release contains numerous bug fixes, optimizations, and improvements, some of which are highlighted below. The release is available for immediate download at:
<http://lucene.apache.org/core/mirrors-core-latest-redir.html>

Please read CHANGES.txt for a full list of new features and changes:
https://lucene.apache.org/core/5_3_0/changes/Changes.html

Lucene 5.3.0 Release Highlights:

API Changes

- * PhraseQuery and BooleanQuery are now immutable

New features

- * Added a new org.apache.lucene.search.join.CheckJoinIndex class that can be used to validate that an index has an appropriate structure to run join queries
- * Added a new BlendedTermQuery to blend statistics across several terms
- * New common suggest API that mirrors Lucene's Query/IndexSearcher APIs for Document based suggester.
- * IndexWriter can now be initialized from an already open near-real-time or non-NRT reader
- * Add experimental range tree doc values format and queries, based on a 1D version of the spatial BKD tree, for a faster and smaller alternative to postings-based numeric and binary term filtering. Range trees can also handle values larger than 64 bits.

Geo-related features and improvements

- * Added GeoPointField, GeoPointInBoundingBoxQuery, GeoPointInPolygonQuery for simple "indexed lat/lon point in bbox /shape" searching
- * Added experimental BKD geospatial tree doc values format and queries, for fast "bbox/polygon contains lat /lon points"
- * Use doc values to post-filter GeoPointField hits that fall in boundary cells, resulting in smaller index, faster searches and less heap used for each query

Optimizations

- * Reduce RAM usage of FieldInfos, and speed up lookup by number, by using an array instead of TreeMap except in very sparse cases
- * Faster intersection of the terms dictionary with very finite automata, which can be generated eg. by simple regexp queries
- * Various bugfixes and optimizations since the 5.2.0 release.

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Please report any feedback to the mailing lists
(<http://lucene.apache.org/core/discussion.html>)

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