

SEARCH

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**Search**

### Installation & First Time Configuration

1. A system administrator must **install the hubzero-solr** RedHat or Debian Package using a package manager such as yum or aptitude
  1. On RedHat: `sudo yum install hubzero-solr`
  2. On Debian: `sudo apt-get install hubzero-solr`
2. To start the service: **sudo service hubzero-solr start OR sudo /etc/init.d/hubzero-solr start>**
3. A Hub administrator may configure the Hubzero CMS to use Solr instead of basic search by going to Components > Search > Options > Engine > Apache Solr

### **Maintaining the Index**

There should be very little effort needed to maintain the index. Solr maintains the index and the Hubzero CMS will instruct Solr to add, remove, or update records inside of its index.

Solr saves its index on the filesystem of the server which allows the retention of data if the server needs to reboot or the Solr process crashes. This prevents having to rebuild the index from scratch in such events.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to the large amount of processing power needed to convert database content into a searchable document and the need to communication with a system outside of the CMS, changes to the index **WILL NOT** be reflected immediately. The queue will be worked in a first-in-first-out basis. This means that the oldest item in the work queue will be processed first. The amount of time it takes to perform indexing operations depends on the amount of data contained on the hub. If there is a large amount of content, the time to perform a full-index will be greater. Once the full index is built, indexing operations should be noticeably quicker

### Plugins

Search plugins allow developers to add support for different component data in the hub. In order to appear in the search index, the plugin must be enabled. This can be accomplished by going to the Administrative backend > Plug-in Manager > [Filter by Type: Search] > and ensuring that the types are enabled. For example Solr will index wiki pages when the “Search Wiki” plugin is enabled.

### **Blacklist**

The blacklist allows Hub administrators to “strike” things from the search index. This may be necessary to override If Solr indexes something, it will be reindexed unless it is on the blacklist.

To remove an item from the seach index, go to the Administrative Backend > Component > Search > Search Index and Click on the name of the type of record you would like to remove. Let’s say, for example, you needed to remove a Resource.

1. Click Resource

## Administration

### Restarting Solr

If Solr needs to be restarted, a system administrator can issues the following commands:

1. `sudo service hubzero-solr restart`
2. `sudo /etc/init.d/hubzero-solr restart`

### Solr Index CRON Updater

In order to keep the Solr index up-to-date, the CMS will periodically call a routine to process the queue. Although CRON is not the best tool for the job, it will dutifully process the queue every minute if configured. There are plans to develop a background process which will make this process more efficient.

To configure the CRON Task, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to `/administrator`
2. Hover over `Components` and click `Cron` from the drop-down
3. Click `Add a New Task` and set the "Event:" to `Process Queue`



### **Breadth**

The question is “What can I search for?”. The answer is “anything you have access to contained within the list in **Search Categories**. To see all content within these categories perform a simple query using the wildcard character “\*” as shown below.



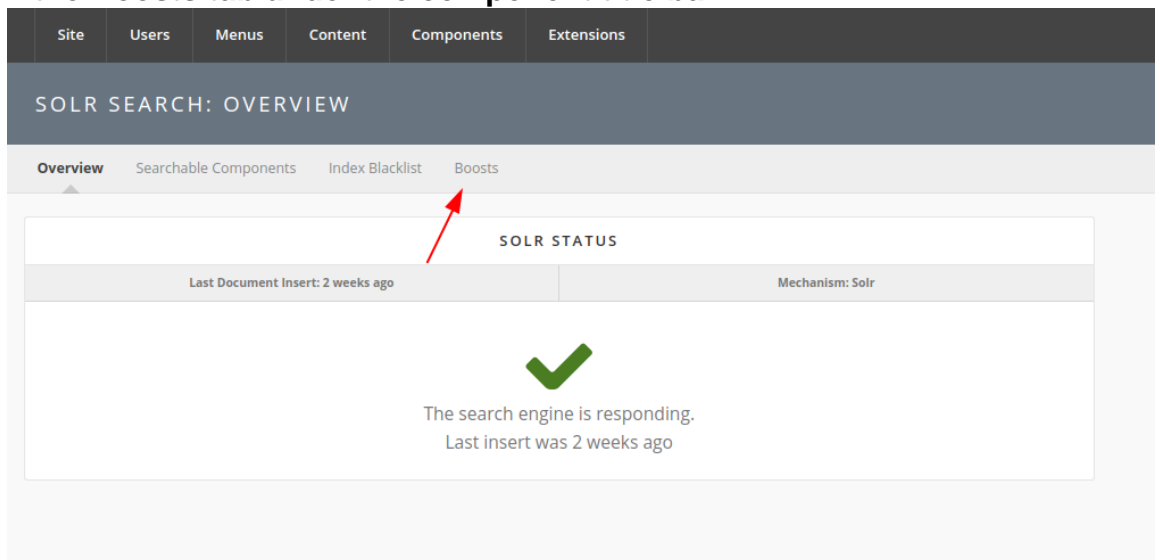
## Boosting

Search boosting allows hub administrators to move categories of matching results higher or lower in Solr search results.

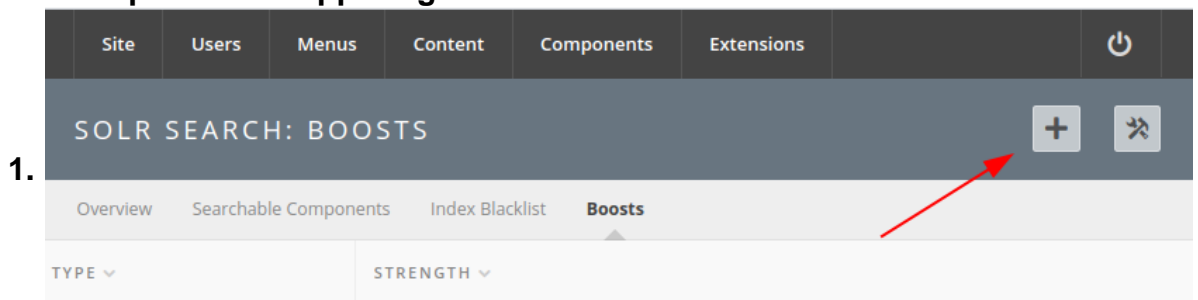
**Note:** your hub must have Solr installed and enabled as boosting only affects Solr search results.

To create a boost follow the steps below:

1. Access your hub's administrator portal
2. Click on Search under the Components drop-down menu
3. Click on the Boosts tab under the component title bar



4. Click on the plus in the upper right hand corner



5. Select a category from the Type drop-down

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Type:  
1.3.1 Test Resource Type

Strength:

6. Enter a number for the boost strength
  1. Positive value moves matching results higher
  2. Negative value moves matching results lower
7. Save the boost

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