

# Apache Lucene - Overview

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## 1. Apache Lucene

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.

Apache Lucene is an open source project available for free download. Please use the links on the left to access Lucene.

## 2. Lucene News

### 2.1. 10 November 2006

New Forrest based site released. The Lucene Java website now has a consistent look and feel with it's Lucene siblings.

### 2.2. 26 May 2006 - Release 2.0.0 available

This is mostly a bugfix release from release 1.9.1. Note however that deprecated 1.x features have now been removed. Any code that compiles against Lucene 1.9.1 without deprecation warnings should work without further changes with any 2.x release. For more information about this release, please read `CHANGES.txt` .

Binary and source distributions are available here .

### 2.3. 2 March 2006 - Release 1.9.1 available

This fixes a serious bug in release 1.9-final. `CHANGES.txt` for details.

Binary and source distributions are available here .

### 2.4. 27 February 2006 - 1.9 final available

This release has many improvements since release 1.4.3, including new features, performance improvements, bug fixes, etc. See `CHANGES.txt` for details.

1.9 will be the last 1.x release. It is both back-compatible with 1.4.3 and forward-compatible with the upcoming 2.0 release. Many methods and classes in 1.4.3 have been deprecated in 1.9 and will be removed in 2.0. Applications must compile against 1.9 without deprecation warnings before they are compatible with 2.0.

Binary and source distributions are available here .

## 2.5. 26 January 2006 - Nightly builds available

Nightly builds of the current development version of Lucene, to be released as Lucene 1.9, are now available at <http://cvs.apache.org/dist/lucene/java/nightly/>.



Monday, December 12, 2005 at 3pm by Grant Ingersoll:

Abstract:

Lucene is a high performance, scalable, cross-platform search engine that contains many advanced features that often go untapped by the majority of users. In this session, designed for those familiar with Lucene, we will examine some of Lucene's more advanced topics and their application, including:

1. Term Vectors: Manual and Pseudo relevance feedback; Advanced document collection analysis for domain specialization
2. Span Queries: Better phrase matching; Candidate Identification for Question Answering
3. Tying it all Together: Building a search framework for experimentation and rapid deployment
4. Case Studies from CNLP : Crosslingual/multilingual retrieval in Arabic, English and Dutch; Sublanguage specialization for commercial trouble ticket analysis; Passage retrieval and analysis for Question Answering application

Topics 1 through 3 will provide technical details on implementing the advanced Lucene features, while the fourth topic will provide a broader context for understanding when and where to use these features.

## 2.6. 14 February 2005 - Lucene moves to Apache top-level

Lucene has migrated from Apache's Jakarta project to the top-level. Along with this migration, the source code repository has been converted to Subversion. The migration is in progress with some loose ends. Please stay tuned!

## 2.7. December 2004 - Lucene in Action is published

The first book dedicated solely to Lucene is published. The "search inside the book" feature implemented with Lucene can be seen at [lucenebook.com](http://lucenebook.com).

## **2.8. 29 November 2004 - Lucene 1.4.3 Released**

This fixes a few bugs in 1.4.2. See CHANGES.txt for details. Binary and source distributions are available here . After choosing your mirror, navigate to the archive section via the java link.