Text extractions from documents into Elasticsearch

Project Design Presentation

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Design Context

- Buildertrend provides construction project management software and solutions for construction companies, homeowners, and builders.
- This search feature will save time and increase productivity by reducing the time spend searching through various documents.
- Relevant Areas of Impact:
 - Public
 - Environment
 - Economic



Design Context (cont.)

Users and Needs



- Builders/Contractors: Access to measurements, designs, orders
- Homeowners: contracts, estimates/quotes, specification/requirements, notes
- Buildertrend Staff: support



Design Context (cont.)

Technical complexity:

- Search Algorithm
- Frontend UI/UX
- Backend Architecture
- Testing
- Project Integration







Design Exploration

Design Decisions:

- Frontend Framework: ReactJS
- Backend APIs:
 - \circ Apache Tika
 - \circ Elasticsearch
- Backend Communication: REST API Considered Alternatives:
 - Apache Lucene
 - Apache Solr
 - ElectronJS



Proposed Design

Context Diagram





Functionality

- Users will be able to:
 - Search using keywords and filters via a simple interface
 - Upload supported documents
- Application will **extract and index metadata** of uploaded documents
- Support various files types
 Ex: txt, docx, pdf, pptx, etc.



Areas of Concern and Development:

- Uploading docs
- UI/UX
- Accuracy of results
- Query Speed



• Scalability of doc types (less concern/ more development)



