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Indexed Search for the PI System

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- How you can help

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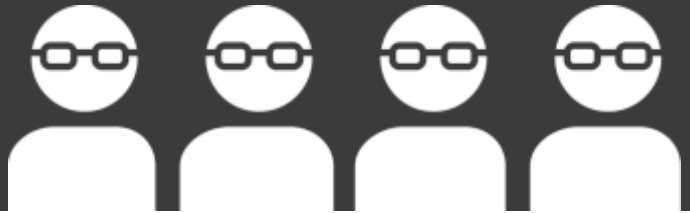
What is this?



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What is this?

- We are building a service that collects configuration information from across the PI System to enable developers to build a great search experience.

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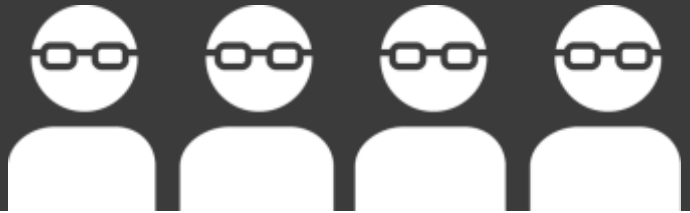
Why build this?



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Why build Indexed Search for PI

- Enhancing search experience in PI client applications
- Empowering partners to build applications with a powerful search experiences

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Faster queries

- Results faster than existing SDK “Find…” methods
- Scalable to “meter scale”

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Higher quality results

- Return most-used objects first
- Highlight search terms in results

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Easier to use

- Search an entire PI System with one call

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Internal adoption

- PI Coresight searches will be faster
- PI DataLink searches will be faster
  - See them at vCL! (site talk)

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How is this different from PI SMT?

- Key-value searches enhanced
- Find objects by many more fields

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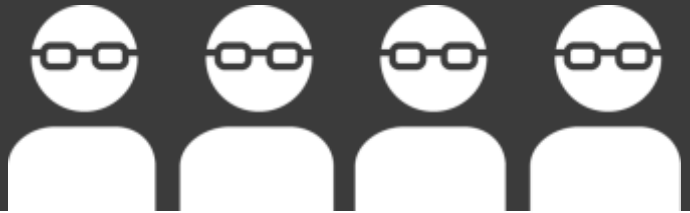
How does it work?



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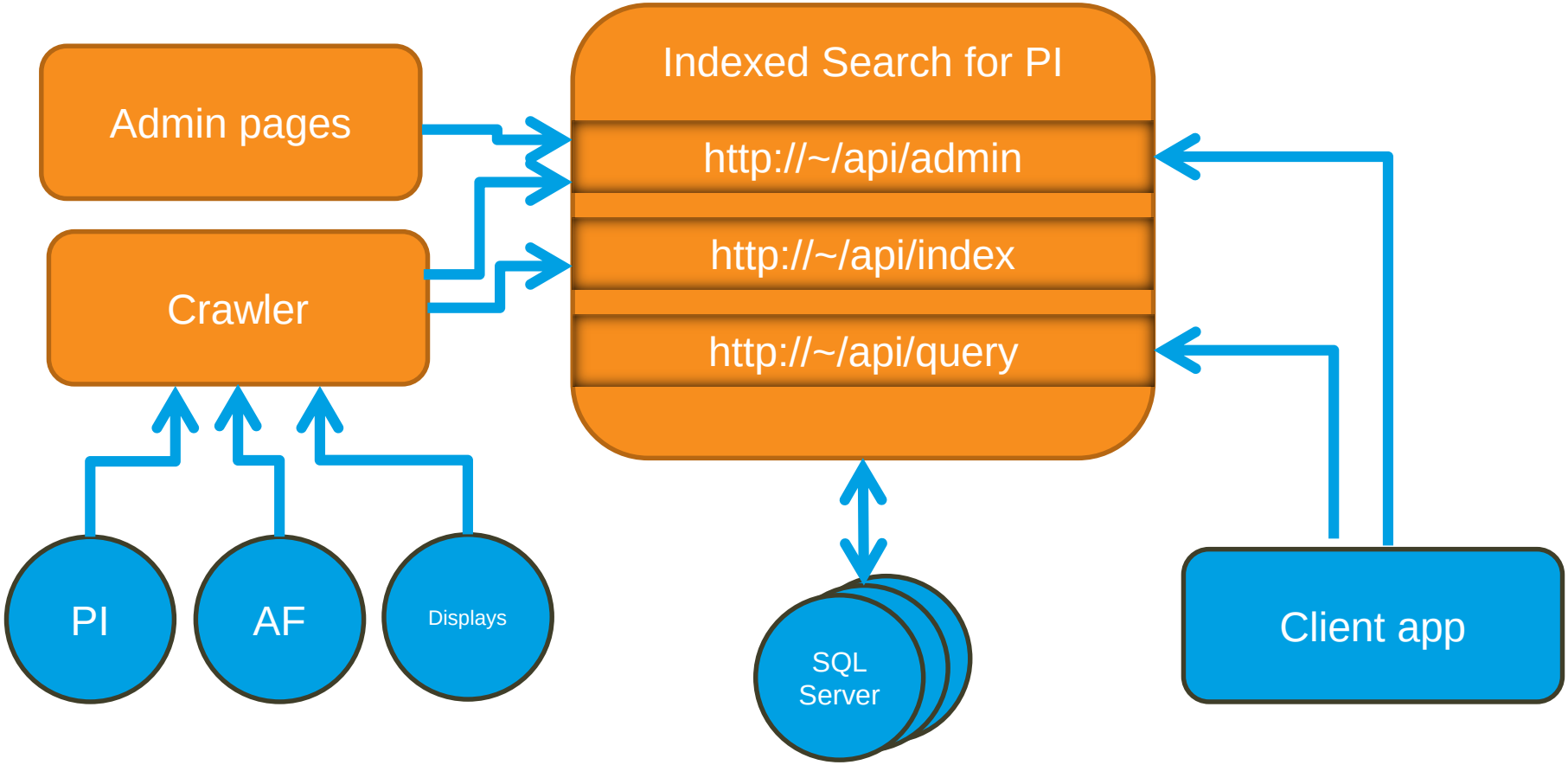

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Crawler Service

- Windows service
- Flexible deployment
- Monitor changes in your PI System

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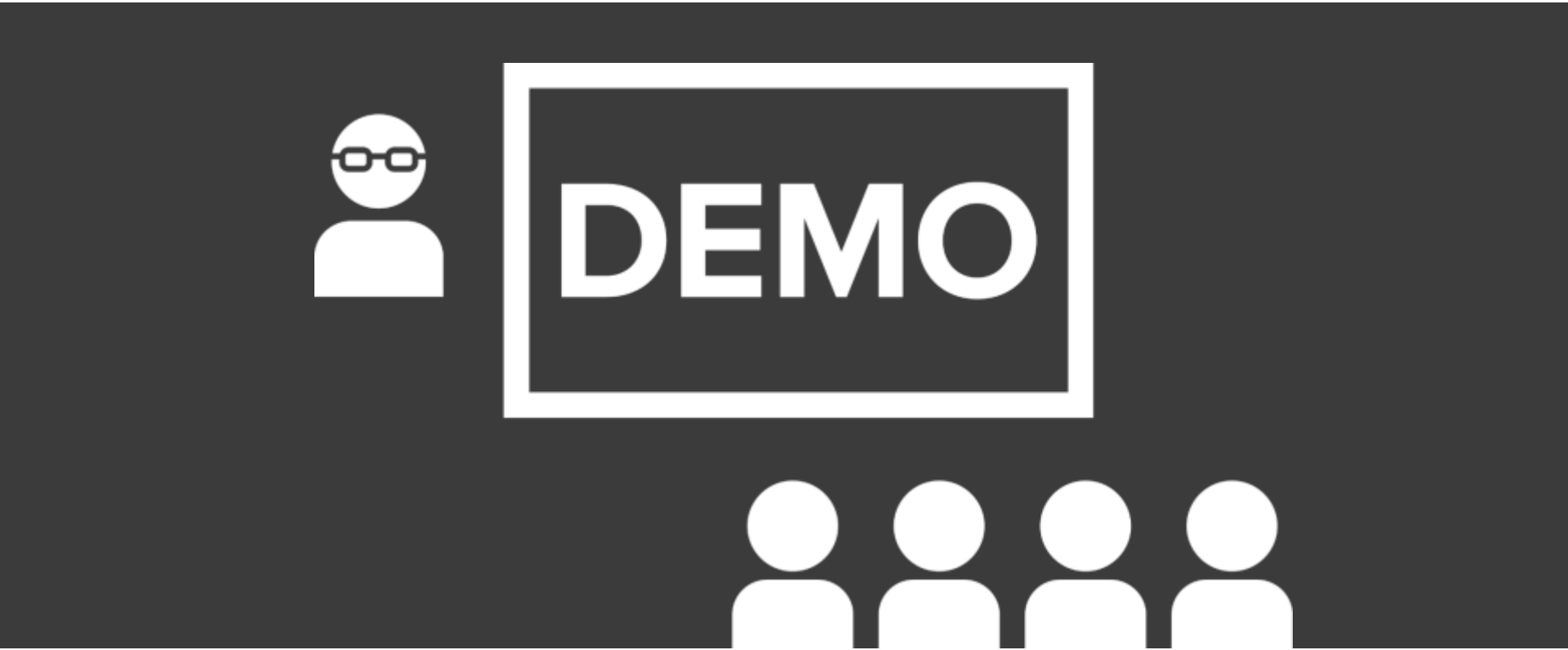

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Listing Indexed Databases

- Build a simple html page
- Read a list of indexed databases
- Add them to a list box

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Simple Keyword Query

- Read keyword query from user input
- Read scope from list box
- Call /api/query endpoint
- Put results in a data table

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Autocomplete

- Enhance existing query textbox to use jqueryui autocomplete
- Call /api/autocomplete endpoint with user-entered term

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Explicit Filter Query

- Add 2 text boxes: Filter Key and Filter Value
- Update the query method to use filters as well

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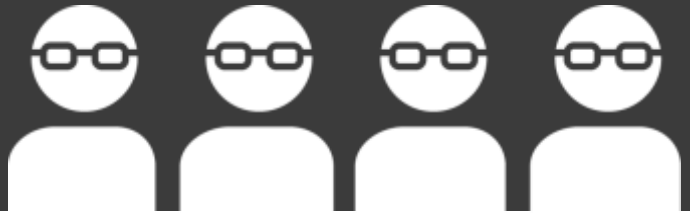

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Futures

- Access control
- Display search
- Paging
- Projection
- Sorting by popularity

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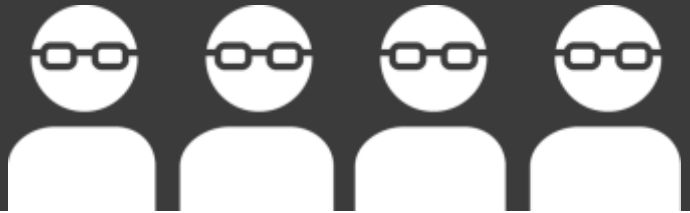

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Timeline

- First half 2014

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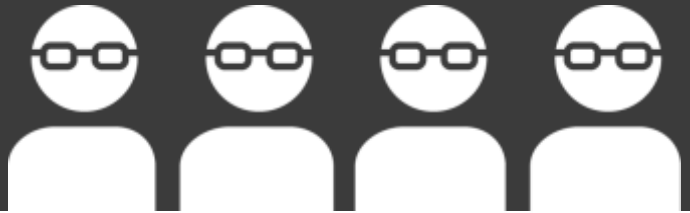

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Feedback

- Hackathon participants used Indexed Search
- Hands-on Lab: Developing Against the RESTful Surface
- Send feedback to our PM:
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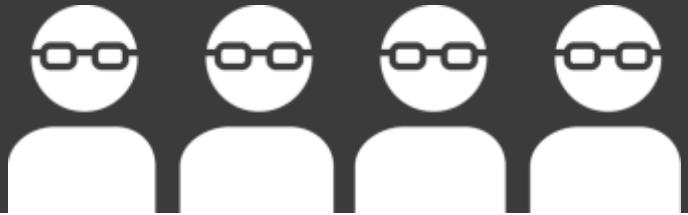

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