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Searching overview

Search using any metadata text, by entity type, entity and system attribute value, classification, or glossary term.

You can search for entities using four search modes:

- Free text from all string-type metadata, including classifications, labels, Business Metadata attributes, and user-defined properties
- By entity type, with refinements by system attribute, entity attribute, Business Metadata attribute, classification, term, label, or user-defined property
- By classification
- By glossary term

The image shows a composite screenshot of the Apache Atlas search interface. It highlights four search modes:

- Search by Entity Type:** The 'SEARCH' button in the top navigation bar is circled in orange.
- Free Text Search:** The search bar at the top right is circled in orange, with the text 'Search entities' visible.
- Search by Classification:** The 'CLASSIFICATION' button in the top navigation bar is circled in orange. Below it, a search panel shows a list of classifications with 'AUTO_INSURANCE' selected.
- Search by Glossary Term:** The 'GLOSSARY' button in the top navigation bar is circled in orange. Below it, a search panel shows a list of glossary terms with 'Automotive' selected.

The background shows the main search results page for the entity 'impala_process', including filters like 'Exclude sub-types' and 'Show historical entities', and a table with columns for Owner, Description, Type, Classifications, and Term.

Related Information

[Using Free-text Search](#)

[Using Basic Search](#)

[Using Search filters](#)

[Searching for entities using classifications](#)

[Searching for entities using Business Metadata attributes](#)

[Searching for entities using terms](#)

[Using advanced search](#)

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Using Basic Search

Search using an entity type in Basic Search.

With Basic Search, Atlas returns all of the entities of the type you select.

There are many ways you can define a Basic Search. Setting a value in more than one search field builds a logical



AND condition for the search. To repeat the same search, click the Refresh button.

Search By Type

- Choose an entity type to limit the search.
- Choose `_ALL_ENTITY_TYPES` to apply an attribute filter across all entity types.



Search By Type and specify attribute values using the Filter

The Attribute Filter dialog box lists all the attributes that correspond to the selected entity type, including:

- Technical attributes specific to the entity type
- System attributes, including classifications, labels, and user-defined properties
- Business Metadata attributes
- Terms



Note: When searching on classifications in the Search By Type filter, use "contains" rather than "=" for the filter operator. If there is more than one classification assigned to an entity, "contains" matches a single classification name; equal only matches the entire list of classifications names.

Search By Classification

- Choose an existing classification; the search returns all entities that have that classification assigned to them.
- Choose `_ALL_CLASSIFICATION_TYPES` to apply an attribute filter across all classifications.
- Choose `_CLASSIFIED` or `_NOT_CLASSIFIED` with an entity type selected to find entities of that type with any or no classifications assigned.



Search By Classification and specify attribute values using the Filter

The Attribute Filter dialog box lists all the attributes for the selected classification; set a value to one or more attributes to define the search. You can choose to match partial strings using the "contains", "begins with", and "ends with" operators.

Search by Term

Choose an existing glossary term. You can enter the first few letters to select a term from a list of matching terms. This filter is case-sensitive.

Search by Text

Search on string values for technical, system, Business Metadata, and classification attribute values. Labels and terms are also included. This search is the same as the Free-Text search; note that when you enter text in the Free-Text search box, it fills in this Search By Text field also.

You can also save these searches when they are useful to run more than once.

Related Information

[Using Free-text Search](#)
[Searching for entities using Business Metadata attributes](#)
[Searching for entities using terms](#)
[Searching for entities using classifications](#)
[Saving searches](#)
[Apache Atlas metadata attributes](#)
[Using Search filters](#)

Using Search filters

The Basic Search panel includes filter icons that allow you to search for entities based on one or more attribute values.

In a filter row, the attribute data type determines which of the following operators can be used to define your search criteria:

Strings	Dates	Enumerations Boolean	Numerics
=		=	=
!=		!=	!=
	>	>	>
	<	<	<
is null	is null	is null	is null
is not null	is not null	is not null	is not null
contains			
begins with			
ends with			

All classification attributes are string values; numerics include byte, short, int, float, double, and long attribute data types.

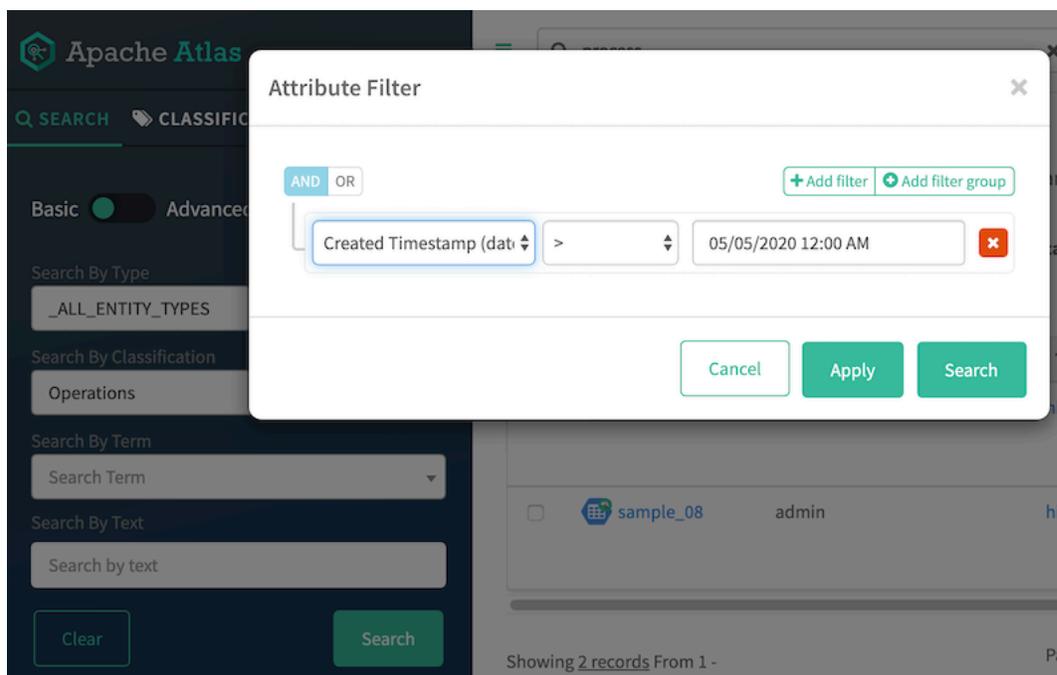


Note: If the attribute you are searching for could include multiple values, use "contains" rather than "=" to make sure the search finds the individual value out of the list.

To search on values for more than one attribute, add another filter row to the search filter (click Add filter). The search can find entities matching either filter criteria (logical OR) or matching both criteria (logical AND). Set the logic using the AND / OR buttons at the top-left of the filter rows.

You can combine logical AND and OR criteria using filter groups. The logic is the same within a filter group; use more than one filter group to produce both AND and OR logic. For example, the following Classification attribute filter searches for entities that are at "new" or "acknowledged" stages in their processing and are owned by the Finance business team.

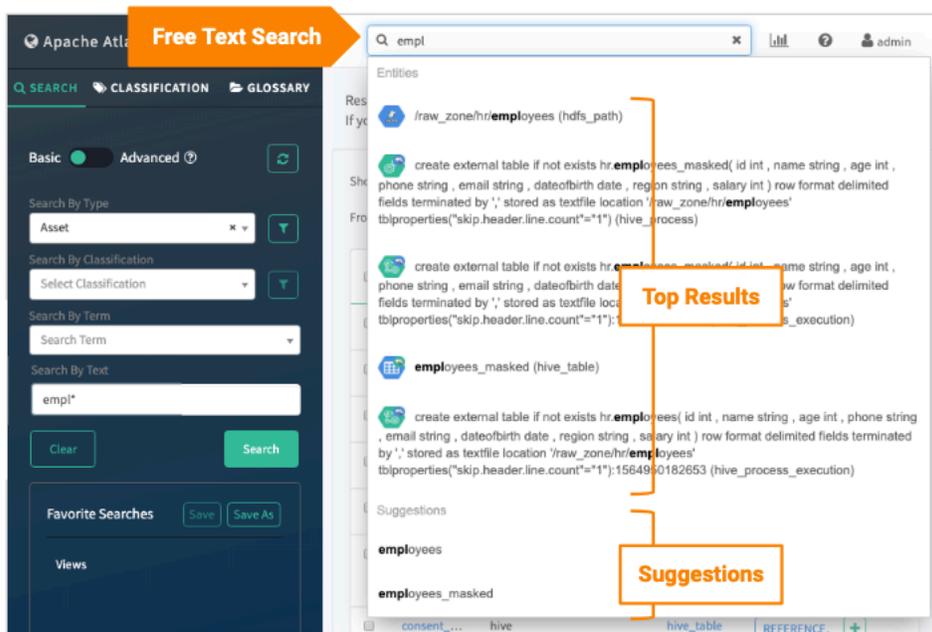
If you wanted to further limit the search results to the entities that were created in Atlas in the last 24 hours, you would open the attribute filter for Search by Entity Type and set the system attribute "Created Timestamp" less than 24 hours. To open the Search by Entity Type filter, you would need to select an entity type or "_ALL_ENTITY_TYPES".



Using Free-text Search

Apache Atlas builds a ranked index of metadata values so you can search for values across all metadata.

The search field in the top of the dashboard lets you search for entities, classifications, or terms by entering any full or partial text to match any entity metadata values. Atlas searches all metadata fields that have string data types, so you can use this search tool to find entities by their labels, descriptions, locations, or other metadata.



Searches are case insensitive. Searches automatically append the asterisk (*) wildcard to the search term or terms so that the search behavior is to find partial strings anywhere they occur in the metadata value. The following single and double characters have special meaning:

```
+ - && | | ! ( ) { } [ ] ^ " ~ * ? : \
```

If your search string includes one of these characters, surround the string in double quotation marks or escape the special character with a backslash.

You can see that the search terms you use in the search at the top of the dashboard are also inserted into the free text search field in the left Search panel: you can combine the free text search with other selections to narrow the search results. The combination acts as an “AND” with other search criteria.

Search result ordering: The search results are ranked by how well they match the search terms, with entities that match on more than one metadata value being ranked higher.

Different metadata have different scores, where the highest scoring metadata fields are entity names, including Kafka topic names. Descriptions, users/owners, query text, and comments rank next. Locations, namespaces, domains, etc. come next. Search results are not ordered in any specific way among results that have the same search ranking.

Suggestions: As you enter your search text, you see the five highest-ranked matching items and as many as five suggestions.

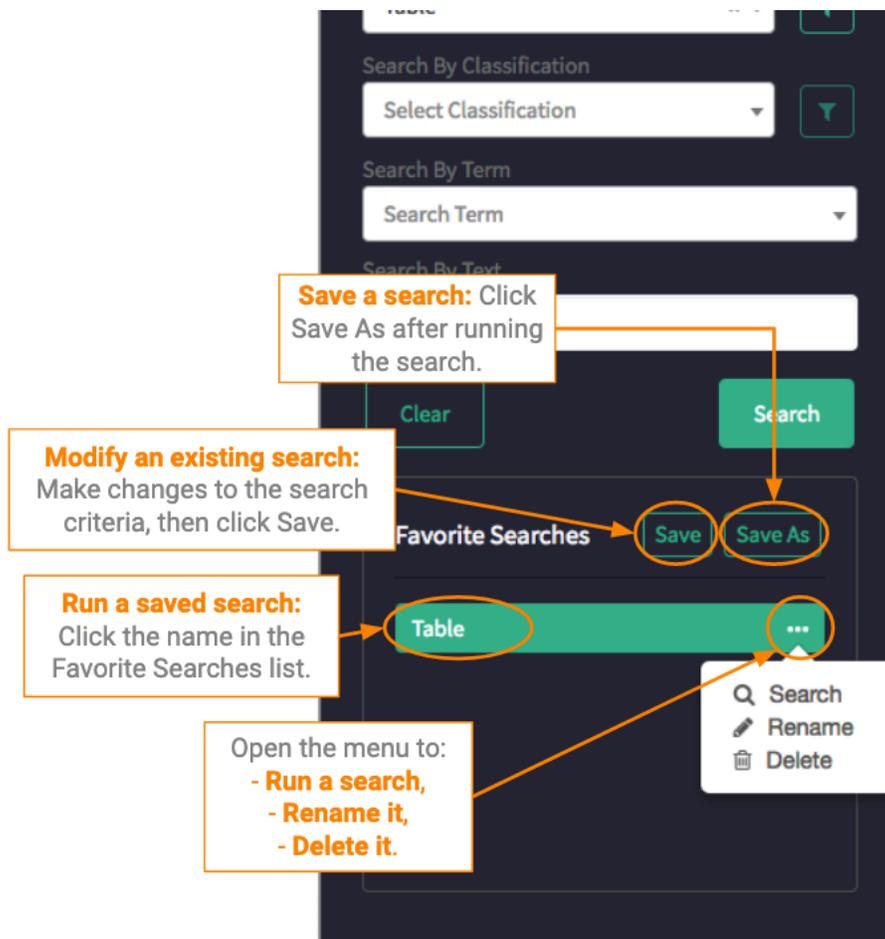
The matching items are ranked in the same way as the general search results, case-sensitive (at the moment) terms that “contain” the search terms; If there are more than five search results with the same search ranking, the five shown are randomly ordered from the highest scoring results.

The suggested items are chosen from search results that match with a “starts with” behavior.

Saving searches

Saving a search saves the search criteria with a name that will help you remember what the search returns.

After you run a search, you can save it under a name in the list of Favorites. Here's what you can do to save a search and to use a search you've already saved:

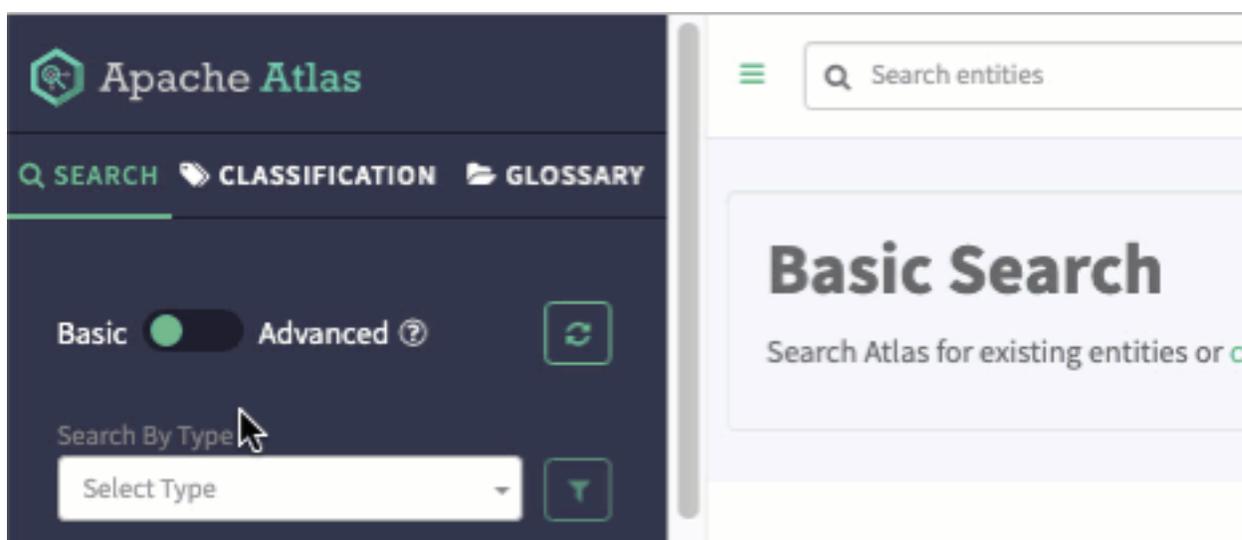


Using advanced search

Apache Atlas advanced search lets you use a query language to combine criteria and refine search results.

Advanced search gives you more control over search criteria through the Atlas domain-specific query language.

In the left navigator pane, Search tab, switch to Advanced search mode by sliding the green toggle button from Basic to Advanced.



Select an entity type if appropriate, then add your query to refine the search results. Here are some examples of advanced search queries:

- Search for partial names

```
from hive_table where name LIKE '*_dim'
```

- Search in date ranges

Note that the entity attributes may contain date fields that are populated from the source while the system attributes contain date fields that are populated when the entity is created in Atlas. The values can be different.

Entity attribute createTime	<pre>from hive_table where createTime > '2019-01-01' and createTime < '2019-01-03'</pre>
System attribute Create Timestamp	<pre>from hive_table where __timestamp > '2019-01-01' and __timestamp < '2019-01-03'</pre>

- Search for deleted entities

System attributes (with two underscores before the name) are available on all entity types.

```
from hive_table where __state = DELETED
```

- Search for multiple criteria

```
from hdfs_path where isFile = true and name = "Invoice"
```

- Return specific metadata

```
from hive_table where name = 'customer_dim' select owner, name,
qualifiedName, createTime
```

- Search for entities with classifications

```
from hive_table where hive_table isa Dimension select owner, name, qualifiedName
```

See the advanced search reference for information about the query language and for more examples.

Improved search capabilities for Glossary terms and Relationships

In Atlas, while using the Advanced Search feature, you can now search for entities based on the glossary term, by using the newly introduced `hasTerm` keyword that allows users to search the entities which are tagged with them. You can also search the entities based on relationship attributes using the `where` clause.

In order to search for those entities having a specific glossary term, you must add a fully qualified name. For example: `{termName}@{glossaryName}`. This term gets compared with the `qualifiedName` attribute of glossary type.

Where as, when you add only the term name, the resultant output will be the available entities with the specific term name. This is irrespective of what type of glossary it is in and would compare with the `name` attribute of the glossary type.

Additionally, to search for entities related to the referenced entities, you must add the relationship attribute and value to search for in the `where` clause. For example: To search for tables under a specific database. For example: `{relationshipName}.{attributeName} = {value}`

Examples of Glossary term filtering:

- Table `hasTerm savingAccount1234`
- Table `hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking"`
- Table `hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking" where Table.name = "customer_dim" and tableType = "external"`
- Table `hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking" select name orderby name desc`
- Table `hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking" limit 2`
- Table `hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking" or Table hasTerm "salesTerm@salesGlossary"`
- Table `hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking" and Table isA Dimension`
- Table `hasTerm "savingAccount1234t@Banking" and db.name = "Sales" or (Table.qualifiedName like "customer")`
- Table `where Table hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking"`
- Table `where (name = "customer_dim" and Table hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking")`
- Table `hasTerm "savingAccount1234@Banking" select count() as terms`

Examples of Relationship attributes filtering:

- Table `where db.name = "Sales4321"`
- Table `where name = "customer_dim" select columns`
- Table `where columns.name like "sales" and Table isA Dimension`
- Table `where db.name = "Sales4321" limit 2`
- Table `where db.name = "Sales4321" orderby name asc`
- Table `where db.name = "Sales4321" and columns.name like "sales" and Table hasTerm "salesTerm@salesGlossary" - (Combination of both where and hasTerm attribute and keyword respectively.)`

Related Information

[Atlas Advanced Search language reference](#)

[Apache Atlas Advanced Search \(atlas.apache.org\)](https://atlas.apache.org)

Atlas index repair configuration

Use the following information to troubleshoot Atlas basic search inconsistency.

In your Cloudera Manager instance running the Atlas service, add the following in "Atlas Server Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/atlas-application.properties".

```
atlas.rebuild.index=true
```

```
atlas.patch.numWorkers=22
```

```
atlas.patch.batchSize=1000
```



Attention:

- You must revert back this configuration once the reindexing is completed, else the reindexing takes place on every restart.
- The reindexing process will be done during Atlas restart, so Atlas will not be reachable till reindexing process is completed.
- The time taken for reindexing depends upon the amount of data.

Later, restart the Atlas Service.