

## Introduction

This class acts as a core component which creates/updates indexes during indexing process.

## Class declaration

Following is the declaration for **org.apache.lucene.index.IndexWriter** class:

```
public class IndexWriter
    extends Object
    implements Closeable, TwoPhaseCommit
```

## Field

Following are the fields for **org.apache.lucene.index.IndexWriter** class:

- **static int DEFAULT\_MAX\_BUFFERED\_DELETE\_TERMS** -- Deprecated. use `IndexWriterConfig.DEFAULT_MAX_BUFFERED_DELETE_TERMS` instead.
- **static int DEFAULT\_MAX\_BUFFERED\_DOCS** -- Deprecated. Use `IndexWriterConfig.DEFAULT_MAX_BUFFERED_DOCS` instead.
- **static int DEFAULT\_MAX\_FIELD\_LENGTH** -- Deprecated. See `IndexWriterConfig`.
- **static double DEFAULT\_RAM\_BUFFER\_SIZE\_MB** -- Deprecated. Use `IndexWriterConfig.DEFAULT_RAM_BUFFER_SIZE_MB` instead.
- **static int DEFAULT\_TERM\_INDEX\_INTERVAL** -- Deprecated. Use `IndexWriterConfig.DEFAULT_TERM_INDEX_INTERVAL` instead.
- **static int DISABLE\_AUTO\_FLUSH** -- Deprecated. Use `IndexWriterConfig.DISABLE_AUTO_FLUSH` instead.
- **static int MAX\_TERM\_LENGTH** -- Absolute hard maximum length for a term.
- **static String WRITE\_LOCK\_NAME** -- Name of the write lock in the index.
- **static long WRITE\_LOCK\_TIMEOUT** -- Deprecated. Use `IndexWriterConfig.WRITE_LOCK_TIMEOUT` instead.

## Class constructors

### S.N. Constructor & Description

- 1 **IndexWriter**  
*Directoryd, Analyzera, booleancreate, IndexDeletionPolicydeletionPolicy, IndexWriter. MaxFieldLengthmfl*  
Deprecated. use `IndexWriterDirectory, IndexWriterConfig` instead.
- 2 **IndexWriterDirectoryd, Analyzera, booleancreate, IndexWriter. MaxFieldLengthmfl**  
Deprecated. use `IndexWriterDirectory, IndexWriterConfig` instead.
- 3 **IndexWriterDirectoryd, Analyzera, IndexDeletionPolicydeletionPolicy, IndexWriter. MaxFieldLengthmfl**  
Deprecated. use `IndexWriterDirectory, IndexWriterConfig` instead.

- 4 **IndexWriter**  
*Directory, Analyzera, IndexDeletionPolicydeletionPolicy, IndexWriter. MaxFieldLengthmfl, IndexCommitcommit*  
 Deprecated. use *IndexWriterDirectory, IndexWriterConfig* instead.
- 5 **IndexWriterDirectoryd, Analyzera, IndexWriter. MaxFieldLengthmfl**  
 Deprecated. use *IndexWriterDirectory, IndexWriterConfig* instead.
- 6 **IndexWriterDirectoryd, IndexWriterConfigconf**  
 Constructs a new *IndexWriter* per the settings given in *conf*.

## Class methods

S.N.	Method & Description
1	<b>void addDocumentDocumentdoc</b> Adds a document to this index.
2	<b>void addDocumentDocumentdoc, Analyzeranalyzer</b> Adds a document to this index, using the provided analyzer instead of the value of <i>getAnalyzer</i> .
3	<b>void addDocumentsCollection &lt; Document &gt; docs</b> Atomically adds a block of documents with sequentially assigned document IDs, such that an external reader will see all or none of the documents.
4	<b>void addDocumentsCollection &lt; Document &gt; docs, Analyzeranalyzer</b> Atomically adds a block of documents, analyzed using the provided analyzer, with sequentially assigned document IDs, such that an external reader will see all or none of the documents.
5	<b>void addIndexesDirectory... dirs</b> Adds all segments from an array of indexes into this index.
6	<b>void addIndexesIndexReader... readers</b> Merges the provided indexes into this index.
7	<b>void addIndexesNoOptimizeDirectory... dirs</b> Deprecated.use <i>addIndexesDirectory... instead</i> .

- 8 **void close**  
Commits all changes to an index and closes all associated files.
- 9 **void close***boolean waitForMerges*  
Closes the index with or without waiting for currently running merges to finish.
- 10 **void commit**  
Commits all pending changes `added & deleted documents, segment merges, added indexes, etc.` to the index, and syncs all referenced index files, such that a reader will see the changes and the index updates will survive an OS or machine crash or power loss.
- 11 **void commit***Map < String, String > commitUserData*  
Commits all changes to the index, specifying a `commitUserData` `Map String - > String`.
- 12 **void deleteAll**  
Delete all documents in the index.
- 13 **void deleteDocuments***Query... queries*  
Deletes the documents matching any of the provided queries.
- 14 **void deleteDocuments***Query query*  
Deletes the documents matching the provided query.
- 15 **void deleteDocuments***Term... terms*  
Deletes the documents containing any of the terms.
- 16 **void deleteDocuments***Term term*  
Deletes the documents containing term.
- 17 **void deleteUnusedFiles**  
Expert: remove any index files that are no longer used.
- 18 **protected void doAfterFlush**  
A hook for extending classes to execute operations after pending added and deleted documents have been flushed to the Directory but before the change is committed *new segments<sub>N</sub> file written.*
- 19 **protected void doBeforeFlush**

A hook for extending classes to execute operations before pending added and deleted documents are flushed to the Directory.

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**protected void ensureOpen**

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**protected void ensureOpen***boolean includePendingClose*

Used internally to throw an `AlreadyClosedException` if this `IndexWriter` has been closed.

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**void expungeDeletes**

Deprecated.

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**void expungeDeletes***boolean doWait*

Deprecated.

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**protected void flush***boolean triggerMerge, boolean applyAllDeletes*

Flush all in-memory buffered updates *adds and deletes* to the Directory.

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**protected void flush***boolean triggerMerge, boolean flushDocStores, boolean flushDeletes*

NOTE: `flushDocStores` is ignored now *hardwired to true*; this method is only here for backwards compatibility

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**void forceMerge***int maxNumSegments*

Forces merge policy to merge segments until there's  $\leq$  `maxNumSegments`.

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**void forceMerge***int maxNumSegments, boolean doWait*

Just like `forceMerge`*int*, except you can specify whether the call should block until all merging completes.

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**void forceMergeDeletes**

Forces merging of all segments that have deleted documents.

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**void forceMergeDeletes***boolean doWait*

Just like `forceMergeDeletes`, except you can specify whether the call should block until the operation completes.

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**Analyzer getAnalyzer**

Returns the analyzer used by this index.

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## **IndexWriterConfig getConfig**

Returns the private IndexWriterConfig, cloned from the IndexWriterConfig passed to IndexWriterDirectory, IndexWriterConfig.

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## **static PrintStream getDefaultInfoStream**

Returns the current default infoStream for newly instantiated IndexWriters.

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## **static long getDefaultWriteLockTimeout**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getDefaultWriteLockTimeout instead

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## **Directory getDirectory**

Returns the Directory used by this index.

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## **PrintStream getInfoStream**

Returns the current infoStream in use by this writer.

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## **int getMaxBufferedDeleteTerms**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getMaxBufferedDeleteTerms instead

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## **int getMaxBufferedDocs**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getMaxBufferedDocs instead.

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## **int getMaxFieldLength**

Deprecated.use LimitTokenCountAnalyzer to limit number of tokens.

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## **int getMaxMergeDocs**

Deprecated.use LogMergePolicy.getMaxMergeDocs directly.

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## **IndexWriter.IndexReaderWarmer getMergedSegmentWarmer**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getMergedSegmentWarmer instead.

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## **int getMergeFactor**

Deprecated.use LogMergePolicy.getMergeFactor directly.

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## **MergePolicy getMergePolicy**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getMergePolicy instead

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## **MergeScheduler getMergeScheduler**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getMergeScheduler instead

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## **Collection<SegmentInfo> getMergingSegments**

Expert: to be used by a MergePolicy to a void selecting merges for segments already being merged.

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## **MergePolicy.OneMerge getNextMerge**

Expert: the MergeScheduler calls this method to retrieve the next merge requested by the MergePolicy

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## **PayloadProcessorProvider getPayloadProcessorProvider**

Returns the PayloadProcessorProvider that is used during segment merges to process payloads.

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## **double getRAMBufferSizeMB**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getRAMBufferSizeMB instead.

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## **IndexReader getReader**

Deprecated.Please use IndexReader.openIndexWriter, boolean instead.

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## **IndexReader getReaderinttermInfosIndexDivisor**

Deprecated.Please use IndexReader.openIndexWriter, boolean instead. Furthermore, this method cannot guarantee the reader *anditssub – readers* will be opened with the termInfosIndexDivisor setting because some of them may have already been opened according to IndexWriterConfig.setReaderTermsIndexDivisorint. You should set the requested termInfosIndexDivisor through IndexWriterConfig.setReaderTermsIndexDivisor int and use getReader.

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## **int getReaderTermsIndexDivisor**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getReaderTermsIndexDivisor instead.

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## **Similarity getSimilarity**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getSimilarity instead

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## **int getTermIndexInterval**

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getTermIndexInterval

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## **boolean getUseCompoundFile**

Deprecated.use LogMergePolicy.getUseCompoundFile

- 54 **long getWriteLockTimeout**  
Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.getWriteLockTimeout
- 55 **boolean hasDeletions**
- 56 **static boolean isLockedDirectorydirectory**  
Returns true iff the index in the named directory is currently locked.
- 57 **int maxDoc**  
Returns total number of docs in this index, including docs not yet flushed *stillintheRAMbuffer*, not counting deletions.
- 58 **void maybeMerge**  
Expert: asks the mergePolicy whether any merges are necessary now and if so, runs the requested merges and then iterate *testagainifmergesareneeded* until no more merges are returned by the mergePolicy.
- 59 **void mergeMergePolicy. OneMergemerge**  
Merges the indicated segments, replacing them in the stack with a single segment.
- 60 **void messageStringmessage**  
Prints a message to the infoStream *ifnon - null*, prefixed with the identifying information for this writer and the thread that's calling it.
- 61 **int numDeletedDocsSegmentInfoinfo**  
Obtain the number of deleted docs for a pooled reader.
- 62 **int numDocs**  
Returns total number of docs in this index, including docs not yet flushed *stillintheRAMbuffer*, and including deletions.
- 63 **int numRamDocs**  
Expert: Return the number of documents currently buffered in RAM.
- 64 **void optimize**  
Deprecated.
- 65 **void optimizebooleandoWait**

Deprecated.

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**void optimize***intmaxNumSegments*

Deprecated.

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**void prepareCommit**

Expert: prepare for commit.

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**void prepareCommitMap** *< String, String > commitUserData*

Expert: prepare for commit, specifying commitUserData Map *String - > String*.

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**long ramSizeInBytes**

Expert: Return the total size of all index files currently cached in memory.

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**void rollback**

Close the IndexWriter without committing any changes that have occurred since the last commit *orsinceitwasopened, ifcommithasn'tbeencalled*.

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**String segString**

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**String segStringIterable** *< SegmentInfo > infos*

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**String segString***SegmentInfoinfo*

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**static void setDefaultInfoStream***PrintStreaminfoStream*

If non-null, this will be the default infoStream used by a newly instantiated IndexWriter.

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**static void setDefaultWriteLockTimeout***longwriteLockTimeout*

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.setDefaultWriteLockTimeout*long* instead

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**void setInfoStream***PrintStreaminfoStream*

If non-null, information about merges, deletes and a message when maxFieldLength is reached will be printed to this.

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**void setMaxBufferedDeleteTerms***intmaxBufferedDeleteTerms*

Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.setMaxBufferedDeleteTerms*int* instead.

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**void setMaxBufferedDocs***intmaxBufferedDocs*

Deprecated.use `IndexWriterConfig.setMaxBufferedDocs` instead.

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**void setMaxFieldLength***intmaxFieldLength*

Deprecated.use `LimitTokenCountAnalyzer` instead. Note that the behavior slightly changed - the analyzer limits the number of tokens per token stream created, while this setting limits the total number of tokens to index. This only matters if you index many multi-valued fields though.

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**void setMaxMergeDocs***intmaxMergeDocs*

Deprecated.use `LogMergePolicy.setMaxMergeDocs` directly.

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**void setMergedSegmentWarmer***IndexWriter. IndexReaderWarmerwarmer*

Deprecated.use `IndexWriterConfig.setMergedSegmentWarmer` *org.apache.lucene.index.IndexWriter. IndexReaderWarmer* instead.

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**void setMergeFactor***intmergeFactor*

Deprecated.use `LogMergePolicy.setMergeFactor` directly.

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**void setMergePolicy***MergePolicymp*

Deprecated.use `IndexWriterConfig.setMergePolicy` *MergePolicy* instead.

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**void setMergeScheduler***MergeSchedulermergeScheduler*

Deprecated.use `IndexWriterConfig.setMergeScheduler` *MergeScheduler* instead

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**void setPayloadProcessorProvider***PayloadProcessorProviderpcp*

Sets the `PayloadProcessorProvider` to use when merging payloads.

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**void setRAMBufferSizeMB***doublemb*

Deprecated.use `IndexWriterConfig.setRAMBufferSizeMB` *double* instead.

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**void setReaderTermsIndexDivisor***intdivisor*

Deprecated.use `IndexWriterConfig.setReaderTermsIndexDivisor` *int* instead.

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**void setSimilarity***Similaritysimilarity*

Deprecated.use `IndexWriterConfig.setSimilarity` *Similarity* instead

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**void setTermIndexInterval***intinterval*

Deprecated.use `IndexWriterConfig.setTermIndexInterval` *int*

- 90 **void setUseCompoundFile***booleanvalue*  
Deprecated.use LogMergePolicy.setUseCompoundFile*boolean*.
- 91 **void setWriteLockTimeout***longwriteLockTimeout*  
Deprecated.use IndexWriterConfig.setWriteLockTimeout*long* instead
- 92 **static void unlock***Directorydirectory*  
Forcibly unlocks the index in the named directory.
- 93 **void updateDocument***Termterm, Documentdoc*  
Updates a document by first deleting the documents containing term and then adding the new document.
- 94 **void updateDocument***Termterm, Documentdoc, Analyzeranalyzer*  
Updates a document by first deleting the documents containing term and then adding the new document.
- 95 **void updateDocuments***TermdelTerm, Collection < Document > docs*  
Atomically deletes documents matching the provided delTerm and adds a block of documents with sequentially assigned document IDs, such that an external reader will see all or none of the documents.
- 96 **void updateDocuments***TermdelTerm, Collection < Document > docs, Analyzeranalyzer*  
Atomically deletes documents matching the provided delTerm and adds a block of documents, analyzed using the provided analyzer, with sequentially assigned document IDs, such that an external reader will see all or none of the documents.
- 97 **boolean verbose**  
Returns true if verbosing is enabled (i.e., infoStream !
- 98 **void waitForMerges**  
Wait for any currently outstanding merges to finish.

## Methods inherited

This class inherits methods from the following classes:

• java.lang.Object

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