

Open-source Search Engine Meilisearch Raises \$15 Million Series A Led By Felicis

Fast-growing search startup beloved by developers will accelerate to the next stage by creating a go-to-market team and offering new enterprise-focused products and services

PARIS, France -- [Meilisearch](#), creator of an open-source search engine built in Rust, announced today that it has raised \$15M in Series A funding led by Felicis with participation from returning investors CRV, LocalGlobe, Mango Capital, Seedcamp, and the CEO of Vercel, Guillermo Rauch. Meilisearch has raised \$22M to date and will use this fresh round of capital to expand its marketing and sales teams, transitioning to an enterprise-focused strategy while doubling down on its product-led growth.

Since going fully open source in 2020, Meilisearch has proven its popularity with developers, attaining over 100,000 new installations of its engine each month and almost 30,000 GitHub stars on its main repository. It has rapidly risen to the second-most starred search project on the open-source platform behind industry giant Elasticsearch, with three times the growth rate.

“The amount of data generated by online services has exploded over the past few years, making high-speed search technology crucial for enterprises,” says Meilisearch CEO, Quentin de Quelen. “We believe that we can fill this gap by offering a simple and highly efficient search solution that slots seamlessly into any application or website. Now that we have succeeded in building a massive community of developers, we will take advantage of this new fundraising to expand enterprise support while continuing to provide an excellent experience for our open-source users.”

The seeds of Meilisearch were planted at École 42, where the three founders studied together. In the early days of the company, they helped enterprises such as Veepee and Louis Vuitton to improve their search experience. Today, they return their focus to enterprise clients, starting with the public launch of Meilisearch’s fully managed software-as-a-service product: [Meilisearch Cloud](#). Slated for November 2022, the public launch of Meilisearch Cloud will be closely followed by the much-anticipated “v1” release of the Meilisearch engine.

Following this fundraising, the company will expand its team, focusing on remote sales & marketing roles. Some positions are already open on Meilisearch’s website. To learn more, visit <https://jobs.lever.co/meili>.

About Meilisearch

Meilisearch is an open-source search API built in Rust and designed to provide fast, relevant results without sacrificing simplicity and ease of use. Founded in 2018 with the aim of raising the bar for search experiences across the internet, Meilisearch quickly secured a loyal following among developers thanks to its intuitive design and approachable documentation. Offering SDKs and integrations for all major languages and frameworks as well as out-of-the-box support for essential features like “search as you type”, multitenancy, geosearch, and faceted search, Meilisearch is easy to slot into existing production environments. The public launch of [Meilisearch Cloud](#), scheduled for the end of 2022, promises to make it easier than ever to host and manage a top-class search experience. Meilisearch is a hybrid-remote company with headquarters in Paris and employees across the globe.

About Felicis

Founded in 2006, Felicis is a venture capital firm investing in companies reinventing core markets, as well as those creating frontier technologies. Felicis focuses on early stage investments and currently manages over \$2.1B in capital across 8 funds. The firm is an early backer of more than 41 companies valued at \$1B+. More than 91 of its portfolio companies have been acquired or gone public, including Adyen (IPO), Credit Karma (acq by Intuit), Cruise (acq by General Motors), Fitbit (IPO), Guardant Health (IPO), Meraki (acq by Cisco), Ring (acq by Amazon), and Shopify (IPO). The firm is based in Menlo Park, CA. Learn more at www.felicis.com.

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