
Subject: Re: Search IDL content with Spotlight (Mac OS X)

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I think that IDL indexes files primarily by type, or at least filename.

I tried the following:

```
In -s foo.pro foo.txt
```

No effect - Spotlight doesn't pick-up on the file contents. However,

```
cp foo.pro foo.txt
```

results in a file (foo.txt) that Spotlight has indexed (instantly).

Evidently, the recognition that Spotlight uses in this instance is based entirely on the file name. What's more, it's needs to be a copy rather than a link (even if the soft-link worked, that would hardly be an elegant solution).

So, it would seem that we need some way to force Spotlight to seek out *.pro files, but I can't see any way of doing that.

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