
Subject: Re: Search IDL content with Spotlight (Mac OS X)
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Wed, 31 Aug 2005 22:06:10 GMT
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In article <1125520674.079332.234490@g47g2000cwa.googlegroups.com>, jm@dmu.ac.uk wrote:

> 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.
>
> -John Mardaljevic

Hmmm, I don't have any problem with Spotlight searching my .pro files. They are all within my home directory.

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