

Re: Search in XP does not show results

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I've just tried the search for the same files as before. First time, no results visible. Second time, using same filename (jeno*.*) the fifteen results came up instantly, all at once. Then I tried a search for the same files NOT using index search. This time 27 files came up, instantaneously, including some .inf files and the like, and even a mention of part of the filename in a Word document. Weird. In the past, I have found that, contrary to intuition, the more parameters you give in the search the more incorrect files turn up, seemingly because the search algorithm, like Google, gives all instances of each and every word or part word of the search term. Not very helpful, either in Google, where the results are mostly totally irrelevant, or in XP. However, I think Google has ceased indexing each word, as prairie dog now gives 3,520,000 results, while prairie gives 39,500,000, and dog gives 220,000,000. When I first searched this term soon after Google appeared on the scene, I got the results all mixed up together, which suggested vastly more prairie dogs than actually existed. XP still does much the same thing. Strangely, searching for 'a word or phrase in the file' is much quicker than 'all or part of the file name', which is again counter-intuitive. Welcome to the weird and wonderful world of XP.

David

"Bob I" <birelan@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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> You may want to see if "explorer.exe" is pegged(99 CPU) in Taskmanager
> then. I've seen odd things happen when several applications are open on a
> "256 MB" box and someone runs Search. The poor begger just kind of runs
> out of steam.

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> David Kelsey wrote:

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>> Thanks Bob – I'll try the window trick when it next happens. I think the
>> video drivers are both up to date. I suspect that the fact it happens on
>> two different machines with different drivers means it is a fault within
>> the search routine or the indexing.

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>> David

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>> "Bob I" <birelan@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>> <news:%23J8Eoo3wFHA.700@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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>>>Display issues? Try Minimize and Restore the window. Install current
>>>video adapter drivers from the manufacturer.
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>>>David Kelsey wrote:
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>>>>Frequently, when I search for files using the index service, I get a
>>>>typical result saying '15 files found, did you find what you wanted?'
>>>>But the search panel contains no results, just a dotted rectangle. If I
>>>>repeat the search using the exact same parameters and method, they may
>>>>be visible this time. Is there a solution for this? Incidentally the
>>>>same phenomenon occurs on an XP Pro machine and an XP Home.
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>>>>David Kelsey
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