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Wow, that was complex. I never would have got there on my own in a million years. But your Method 2 was just what I needed. Thank you very much.

"Ramesh, MS-MVP" wrote:

Windows® XP – Search Problems – Containing Text:
http://www.dougknox.com/xp/tips/xp_bad_search.htm

Other options:

See "Method 2" in this article:
<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=309173>

Ref: "FilterFilesWithUnknownExtensions"

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Method 2

To configure Windows XP to search all files no matter what the file type, obtain the latest service pack for Windows XP and then turn on the Index file types with unknown extensions option.

If you use this method, Windows XP searches all file types for the text that you specify. This can affect the performance of the search functionality. To do this: 1. Click Start, and then click Search (or point to Search, and then click For Files or Folders).

2. Click Change preferences, and then click With Indexing Service (for faster local searches).

3. Click Change Indexing Service Settings (Advanced). Note that you do not have to turn on the Index service.

4. On the toolbar, click Show/Hide Console Tree.

5. In the left pane, right-click Indexing Service on Local Machine, and then click Properties.

6. On the Generation tab, click to select the Index files with unknown extensions check box, and then click OK.

7. Close the Indexing Service console.

Warning Serious problems might occur if you modify the registry incorrectly

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by using Registry Editor or by using another method. These problems might require that you reinstall your operating system. Microsoft cannot guarantee that these problems can be solved. Modify the registry at your own risk. Network administrators can configure this setting by modifying the registry. To do this, set the FilterFilesWithUnknownExtensions DWORD value to 1 in the following registry key:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\ContentIndex

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Additional Note from Torgeir Bakken:

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WinXP's search function filters out files to search in based on file extensions (see further below).

Install the free Agent Ransack, it searches for text strings in *all* types of files, and not just in a selection of "approved" file extensions as the built-in search does. It's a *much* better search tool as well...

<http://www.agentransack.com/default.aspx>

Agent Ransack can save the search result to a file (or clipboard), as text, comma separated text or tab separated text. E.g. Excel reads comma separated text (csv) very well.

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Regards,

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Windows® XP Troubleshooting <http://www.winhelponline.com>

"Ken Krupa" <KenKrupa@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:3ACB66B5-CB90-42B6-A9A6-0F59733F3192@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

On this new computer, Search doesn't work right. I right-click a folder and do a search for *.txt containing some word. It says none found, even though

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know there are many. If the word appears in any of the file names, it finds those files. But it's supposed to searching for that work _in_ the file, not in the file name. Windows XP Media Center Edition. Same search works fine on older computer (Windows XP Home). Is this a bug in the MC edition or what???

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