

# Re: Windows XP Search for meta in content does not work

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Hi Ramesh

I have tried both solutions, but no success.

Thanks, Claudio

Ramesh, MS-MVP schrieb:

Hi Claudio,

See:

Windows® XP – Search Problems – Containing Text:  
[http://www.dougknox.com/xp/tips/xp\\_bad\\_search.htm](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

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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 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).

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