

Windows-Like Search For Mac OS

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Introduction:

The software solves a problem of searching for files on Mac OS close to how the file search was done in Windows OS. I did add a little more to it however. Tool lets you search for one or multiple file types, or all file types if you leave "File types" text field blank. Tool is also searching inside of the files that it can read. If search query is not found in file name, then tool will check inside of the file as well.

To launch the application, simply double click on "Windows-Like_File_Search_For_Mac_OS". When application is launched, the text area will include quick steps to get file search started.

Instructions are very simple:

- 1) Press "Select Directory To Start Search From" button and select starting location. Default is Mac's HD.
- 2) Fill in the "Search Query" text box with what you would like to search for.
- 3) Specify file types in "File types" text box or leave "File types" text box empty if you want tool to search for all file types.
- 4) Press "Start Search" button and wait for search to be completed.

Search tool will search among filenames and inside of all files that it can read.

"Known bug. GUI gets locked while search is ongoing, and all results are populated after the search process is completed. Therefore please wait patiently for search to complete. When search completes, message: ' Search finished.' Message will be published in the results pane with all results if any at once".

The screenshot shows a Mac OS window titled "Windows-Like File Search Tool For Mac with inFile Search Capability". The window has a standard Mac OS title bar with red, yellow, and green window control buttons. Below the title bar, there is a button labeled "Select Directory To Start Search From" with a tooltip that says "(Default is Root Directory of HD)". Below this button, there are two text input fields. The first is labeled "Search Query:" and the second is labeled "File types:". The "File types:" field contains the text "txt, rtf, doc, docx". To the right of the "Search Query:" field is a button labeled "Start Search". Below the "File types:" field, there is a note in parentheses: "(Specify file types in a comma separated format above. Leave blank for all.)". Below the input fields, there is a large text area containing the following text:

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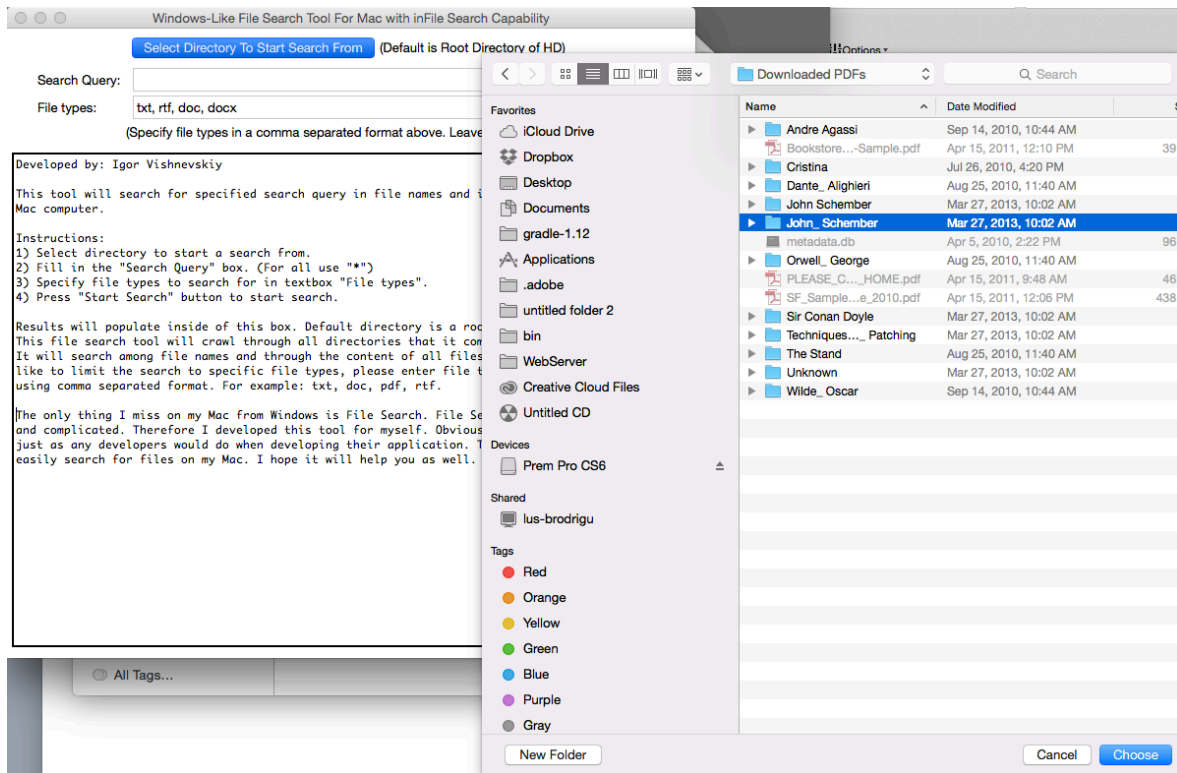
This tool will search for specified search query in file names and inside of the files on your Mac computer.

Instructions:

- 1) Select directory to start a search from.
- 2) Fill in the "Search Query" box. (For all use "**")
- 3) Specify file types to search for in textbox "File types".
- 4) Press "Start Search" button to start search.

Results will populate inside of this box. Default directory is a root directory of your Mac. This file search tool will crawl through all directories that it comes across on it's way. It will search among file names and through the content of all files it can read. If you would like to limit the search to specific file types, please enter file types into field "File types" using comma separated format. For example: txt, doc, pdf, rtf.

The only thing I miss on my Mac from Windows is File Search. File Search on Mac is confusing and complicated. Therefore I developed this tool for myself. Obviously I added some of my own just as any developers would do when developing their application. This tool helps me to easily search for files on my Mac. I hope it will help you as well. Enjoy!



When search has completed, results will be published in the area below the “File types” text field. Each result will include 2 buttons.

- 1) Pressing “Locate” button will open Mac’s file explorer and focus on the given file displayed in the search result.
- 2) Pressing “Open” button will open the file using the correct reader application for that file type.

