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API Collection

Spotlight

Search for files and other items on the local device, and index your app's content for searching.

Topics

Queries

`class` `NSMetadataQuery`

A query that you perform against Spotlight metadata.

`protocol` `NSMetadataQueryDelegate`

An interface that enables the delegate of a metadata query to provide substitute results or attributes.

Items

`class` `NSMetadataItem`

The metadata associated with a file.

See Also

Files and Data Persistence

☰ File System

Create, read, write, and examine files and folders in the file system.

Archives and Serialization

Convert objects and values to and from property list, JSON, and other flat binary representations.

Preferences

Persistently store domain-scoped pieces of information for configuring your app.

iCloud

Manage files and key-value data that automatically synchronize among a user's iCloud devices.

Optimizing Your App's Data for iCloud Backup

Minimize the space and time that backups take to create by excluding purgeable and nonpurgeable data from backups.