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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.