Selected Desktop Search Systems

Product/Company	Availability	URL if Available	Comment
Copernic	Available	http://www.copernic.com/en/products/desktop-search	Customer service was difficult to reach
dtSearch	Available	http://www.dtsearch.com	30-day trial is widely available. Single user license is $200. Recommended.
Effective File Search	Available	http://www.sowsoft.com/search.htm	Works well but can bog down when queries are run against multi-terabyte collections. Recommended.
Exalead Desktop	Not available	n.a.	Before being discontinued, offered facets and date sorting options.
FastFile Search	Available	http://www.softpedia.com/get/File-managers/Fast-File-Search.shtml	Queries only file names.
Gaviri (Pocket Search)	Available	http://www.gaviri.com	Version 2.2 indexes e-mail, PDFs, and other file types. Recommended.
Google Desktop Search	Not available	n.a.	Rumor has it that a cloud option may become available.
Gopher	Not available	n.a.	At one time, the fastest desktop text retrieval engine. MS DOS only.
ISYS Desktop Search Version 9	Not available	n.a.	New owner could not validate license key for Versions 8 and 9.
Kaijin	Not available	n.a.	An intelligent search assistant. This implementation of Autonomy technology was ahead of its time.
Microsoft Windows Search	Available	An add-in is available at http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=3383	Included with Windows Vista, 7 and 8. Basic search. Clicking a link forces the query to rerun. Not recommended.
SearchMyFiles	Available	http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/search_my_files.html	Searches only file and folder names.
X1	Available	http://www.x1.com	Very interesting interface. Single user license is $70
Yahoo Desktop	Not available	n.a.	This was a version of IBM OmniFind (Lucene) made available via Yahoo.