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Answer

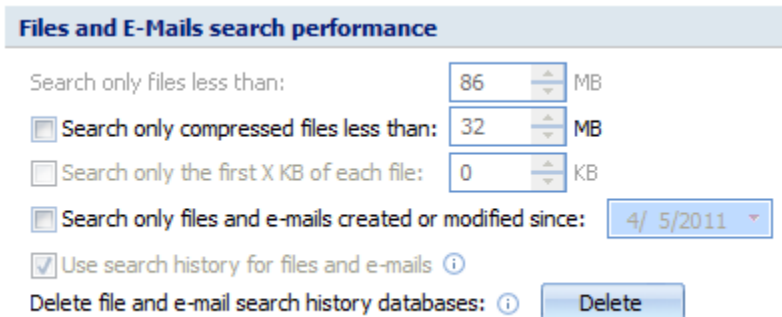
If, having found a file with a specified search term matched, Spirion (formerly Identity Finder) continues to report the same file, you may not want that file found again upon subsequent searches. This can greatly increase the speed of a search because Spirion will keep track of which emails and files don't have matches.

Check the configuration of the search performance (this applies to the Windows version):

1. Go to the **Configuration** menu tab and click on **Settings**.



2. On the left-hand side menu, select the third item from the top listed as **Performance**.
3. Under the sub-heading "Files and E-Mails search performance" make sure the following box is checked: **Use search history for files and e-mails** (this should be checked by default)

A screenshot of the 'Files and E-Mails search performance' configuration window. The window has a title bar and a header section. Below the header, there are several settings: 'Search only files less than:' with a value of 86 MB; 'Search only compressed files less than:' with a value of 32 MB; 'Search only the first X KB of each file:' with a value of 0 KB; 'Search only files and e-mails created or modified since:' with a date of 4/ 5/2011; and 'Use search history for files and e-mails' which is checked. At the bottom, there is a 'Delete file and e-mail search history databases:' button with a 'Delete' button next to it.

4. Click **Apply** and **OK**.
Spirion will not scan files that are unchanged since the last scan.

Another Option

To prevent Spirion from scanning that file in the future, when the results appear after a search in the main menu, highlight the file and select the **Ignore** action.



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