

NextAnswers rlogin shell terminal ixFind remote

Q: How do I access the NextAnswers database remotely (i.e., from a dial-in session)?

A: There's a utility, **ixFind**, in /usr/lib/indexing, which will perform DL-style searches on an indexed database like NextAnswers. Check the ixClean man page for all the gory details.

The **ixFind** utility reads stdin, searches the specified index, and writes what it finds to stdout. Suppose the NextAnswers directory is installed as /LocalLibrary/NextAnswers. An interactive session with ixFind would look like this (the commands that you type are indicated by bold type):

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% /usr/lib/indexing/ixFind /LocalLibrary/NextAnswers
lockfocus
    1.0/performance.388
1.0/performance.388:User paths performance postscript Q: How much does the
[11618] Wed Feb 14 10:13 0.134829 english {"", /}

    1.0/nib.249
1.0/nib.249: cursor ib Q: How can I define a cursor in IB? Just like for
[3058] Wed Feb 14 10:05 0.086381 ascii {"", /}
^D
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In 2.0, the user interface has been improved somewhat. It will prompt you for input with the word "query" rather than silently waiting for you to type. This change is represented with *italic* type in the

following listing:

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query: ^D
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^D (control D) ends the session with **ixFind** and returns you to the shell.

Note that the last line in an entry includes an indication of the type of the file (e.g. "ascii", "rtf", "english").