

# Searchingforanytext;↵Searching for any text

- [arrow.eps](#) ↵ To search for a string in a particular file, choose Find from the Edit menu.
- [arrow.eps](#) ↵ To search for a partial string within a file, type Control-s to use the incremental search facility.
- [arrow.eps](#) ↵ To search for a string project wide, use the Project Find panel and choose searching Textually.

Sometimes it's better to perform a text-based search than a language-based search. For example, if you know you're in the correct file and you just want to go to a different place in that file, you can use the text-based search within a file. Just choose Find from the Edit menu or type Command/Control-f, and the standard OpenStep find panel is displayed.

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**Note:** When you choose Textually in the Project Find panel, only your project's files are searched. Frameworks and documentation aren't serached.

Another nifty way to get to where you want to go is to use the incremental search and replace facility. Incremental searching is a quick way to search if you know you're in the right file and you only know part of the symbol's name (or you want to type as few characters as possible).

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**Tip:** You can also use incremental search to navigate through the hits in the Project Find panel. Just type Control-s while the Project Find window is key.

In addition to the file-based Find panel and the incremental search facility, the Project Find panel can also perform text-based searches. This might be useful when you're trying to find text inside a comment and you don't know which file contains the comment.

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