

**Article Title:** How to install 3<sup>rd</sup> party iFilters for Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or 2008

**Steps:**

The information in this article assumes you know how to install software and have working knowledge of the SQL Server 2005/2008 Management Studio interface. If you are not comfortable performing these steps on your own, please consult with your IT staff.

1. Download and install the appropriate iFilters to your Microsoft SQL Server 2005/2008 machine. Below is a URL to all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party iFilters that have been tested with Document Locator. The most common iFilters are the Office 2007 and PDF file types.

<http://www.documentlocator.com/Support/IFilters/>

2. In SQL Management Studio, open a new query against your Master database.
3. Execute the following SQL commands against your Master database, one at a time.

```
sp_fulltext_service 'load_os_resources',1
```

```
sp_fulltext_service 'verify_signature', 0
```

4. **Restart** the **SQL Server** and the **SQL Server Full Text Search** service. You may also reboot the machine.
5. Execute the query below against the Master database to see all the installed iFilters for each document extension.

```
SELECT * FROM sys.fulltext_document_types
```

Here is a query to narrow the result set to just PDF documents.

```
SELECT * FROM sys.fulltext_document_types  
Where document_type = '.pdf'
```

**Note:** If the query does not return any results for the document type, then an iFilter for it is not installed.