How to install 3rd party iFilters for Microsoft SQL Server

The information in this article assumes you know how to install software and have sufficient rights to do so. If you are not comfortable performing these steps on your own, please consult with your IT staff or contact Columbiasoft Support.

1. Download and install the appropriate iFilters to your Microsoft SQL Server machine hosting the Document Locator database. Below is a link to all of the 3rd party iFilters that have been tested with Document Locator. The most common iFilters are the Office and PDF file types. The link contains available iFilters for both 32 and 64 bit systems.

Note: If you are installing the Adobe iFilter 9 64-bit, pay close attention to the instructions directly below the download link. The instruction requires you to modify your system variable path and a reboot is necessary.

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

- 2. After installing all desired iFilters, complete the steps below:
- 3. In SQL Management Studio, open a new query against your Master database.
- 4. 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

- 5. **Reboot** the SQL Server machine. After rebooting the system, use the methods below to confirm iFilters have been installed successfully.
- 6. SQL Management Studio, open a new query against your Master database. 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.