

Google Moves Desktop Search Out of Beta

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"Google Inc. is taking its desktop search application out of beta on Monday with a release that supports more file formats and opens access to third-party developers."

"Google Desktop Search 1.0 moves beyond the beta version's Microsoft focus by introducing support for applications from the Mozilla Foundation and America Online Inc.'s Netscape Communications."

"Google Desktop Search went into beta in October. Since then, major search rivals Yahoo Inc., Microsoft Corp.'s MSN and Ask Jeeves Inc. have entered the desktop search race. Startups such as Blinkx Inc. and vendors like Copernic Technologies Inc., X1 Technologies Inc. and ISYS Search Software also are vying for desktop searchers."

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