

# CIFS Introduction

The CIFS connector will crawl content from any shared folder repository.  
The connector will retrieve documents stored in the shared folder and any folders contained in it.

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## Features

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Some of the features of the CIFS connector include:

- Performs incremental crawling (so that only new/updated documents are indexed).
- Fetches LDAP (including Active Directory) access control lists (ACLs) for document-level security (including users and groups).
- Metadata extraction.
- Is search engine independent
- Runs from any machine with access to the given Shared Folder.
- Designed to support early binding mechanisms and group expansion of nested permissions.
- Filter the crawled documents by file paths using regex patterns.
- Supports Windows/Linux/macOS shared folders.
- Supports Archive file processing, for more info visit [Archive files processing](#)