Rebuild the Full Text Index

Windows SharePoint Services V2 relies upon SQL Server Full Text indexes for search support. Sometimes the indexes get corrupt.

The first step is to look at the database and see if a full text index exists for the content database that the WSS virtual server is using. Open up SQL Enterprise Manager, expand the database, and click on the Full-Text catalogs entry as shown below.



Note that on the right hand side there is a full text catalog entry.

The simplest way to rebuild all of the full text indexes is to deactivate the full text search feature in WSS and add it back. Start at SharePoint Central Administration (found in Start-Administrative Tools-SharePoint Central Administration.) It's shown below:

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	Windows SharePoint Services Central Administration							
Links to related administration home pages	Use the links on this page to configure virtual server, security, server, and component settings for Windows SharePoint Services.							
E Wiedewe	Virtual Server Configuration							
SharePoint Services	Use these links to install Windows SharePoint Services on a new virtual server, configure settings across all sites on a virtual server, or create a new top-level Web site.							
SharePoint Portal Server	Extend or upgrade virtual server							
	Create a top-level Web site							
	Delete site collection							
	Configure virtual server settings							
	Security Configuration							
	Use these links to update the security options which impact all virtual servers, and to add, update, or change user information for a single top-level Web site.							
	Set SharePoint administration group							
	Manage site collection owners							
	Manage Web site users							
	Manage blocked file types							
	 Configure antivirus settings 							
	Server Configuration							
	Use these links to set and update server connections including e-mail, databases, and Web servers.							
	Configure default e-mail server settings	•						
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From here scroll down to the Component Configuration section as shown below:

4	Use these links to update the security options which impact all virtual servers, and to add, update, or change user information for a single top-level Web site.
	Set SharePoint administration group
	Manage site collection owners
	Manage Web site users
	Manage blocked file types
	Configure antivirus settings
Server	Configuration
- 24	Use these links to set and update server connections including e-mail, databases, and Web servers.
	Configure default e-mail server settings
	Manage Web server list
	Set default content database server
	Set configuration database server
	Configure HTML Viewer
	Configure virtual server for central administration
Comp	onent Configuration
- Alt	Use these links to manage components that work across all virtual servers, including search, usage analysis, and quotas.
	Configure full-text search
	Configure usage analysis processing
	Manage quotas and locks
	Configure data retrieval service settings
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Click the Configure Full-text search link in the Component Configuration section. The Configure Full Text Search page as shown next will be displayed:

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	Windows SharePoint Services Configure Full-Text Search	
Links to related administration home pages © Windows SharePoint Services	Use this page to configure full-text search settings.	
	Search Settings Configure full-text search and index component.	
SharePoint Portal Server	OK Cancel	
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Uncheck the *Enable full-text search and index component* and click the OK button. This will disable the full text search. If you refresh your SQL Enterprise Manager view you should see that the full text index has disappeared as shown next:

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To re-enable the search from Central Administration page, reselect the Configure Full-Text Search link, recheck the *Enable full text search and index component* and click the OK button again. If you refresh SQL Enterprise Manager again you should see the index again.