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Spotlight

Exclude folders from index

It seems like `.metadata_never_index` method does not work anymore, since Mojave.

However `*.noindex` and symlink aren't indexed by mds (the backend of Spotlight).

For example rename all `node_modules` to `node_modules.noindex` and create a symlink
`node_modules -> node_modules.noindex`

```
find /path/to/projects -type d \( -path '*node_modules/*' -o -path '*node_modules.noindex/*' \) \  
-prune -o -type d -name 'node_modules' -exec mv '{}' '{}.noindex' \;  
-exec ln -s '{}.noindex' '{}' \;
```

Launchpad

Reset

```
defaults write com.apple.dock ResetLaunchPad -bool true; killall Dock
```