## Subject: tilde file names in FINDFILE
### Posted by Martin Schultz on Fri, 26 Sep 1997 07:00:00 GMT

Hi everyone,

I am still using IDL 4 and AIX 3.2.5, but that shouldn't really matter
for the following question, I suppose:

When I am opening a file with
    OPENR,unit,'~/IDL/DATA/test.dat',/get_lun
it works fine. But if I try to find that file via
    PRINT,FINDFILE('~/IDL/DATA/test.dat')
I get an empty string indicating that IDL did not find it.

Does anyone know how to teach IDL to accept the '~' in FINDFILE ?
One option might be to use SPAWN,'echo $HOME',result  but
(a) is this highly OS dependent
(b) does it not work for something like ~user/file.dat
Any ideas appreciated !

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