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Subject: Re: file date

Posted by [Christian Soeller](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Martin Schultz <mgs@io.harvard.edu> writes:

- > Please find attached the routine that evolved out of this:
- > `update_library`
- > It will automatically tell you which files have been added or which ones
- > are updated (useful if one tries to keep track of that e.g .on a web
- > page), and it will automatically copy all new/updated files into a
- > targetdirectory, tar and compress the stuff. Also useful in conjunction
- > with my distribute routine if you want to bundle a program package.
- >

You might hate me for this (and will probably disagree), but:

The job you describe can be solved much more compact with a perl script that generates a makefile which does the rest when called with `make -f 'makefile'` (and will be a lot faster on a large number of files). IDL is just not so great for tasks like this (which are very far from numeric computations).

Christian

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