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Subject: Re: find\_subtree.pro  
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In article <35741201.F0CD2D26@risoe.dk>,  
Kristian Kjaer <kristian.kjaer@risoe.dk> writes:  
> Hi,  
>  
> I am looking for piece of code - similar to findfile() - which will  
> return the fully-qualified paths to all subdirectories of the default  
> directory, or return the fully-qualified paths to, say, all files \*.dat  
> in all subdirectories of the default directory.  
>  
> (I use IDL 5 on WinNT.)  
>

Here is a program I call FINDFILES that I wrote, since IDL's  
FINDFILE seems somewhat limited. Unfortunately, I only had  
access to Unix and VMS machines, so for Windows and Mac  
the program is currently just a wrapper to FINDFILE. Perhaps  
someone on one of those machines can update it?

-bob

```
; start FINDFILES.PRO  
  
; *****  
;  
;+  
; NAME:  
;   FINDFILES  
;  
; PURPOSE:  
;   Find all files matching a file filter. Replacement for the  
;   IDL builtin routine FILEFILE, which does not handle recursive  
;   search of directories correctly.  
;  
;   Currently implemented for UNIX and VMS systems only. For Windows  
;   and MacOS, this routine is a wrapper for FINDFILE.  
;  
; TYPE:  
;   FUNCTION  
;  
; CATEGORY:  
;   FILES  
;  
; CALLING SEQUENCE:  
;   result = FINDFILES (fileFilter [, /RECURSE, ROOT = root, COUNT = count])
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;
; INPUTS:
;   fileFilter: Optional STRING denoting the file filter used in the search.
;               Any valid system command interpreter wildcards can be used.
;               If not supplied, one of the following is used:
;               UNIX: '*'
;               MACOS: '*'
;               VMS: '*.*'
;               WINDOWS: '*.*'
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
;
;   RECURSE : Set this keyword to search recursively for matching files.
;   ROOT    : Set this keyword to a STRING denoting the directory from which
;               to start the search. If not supplied, the current directory
;               is used.
;   COUNT   : A named variable into which the number of files found is placed.
;               If no files are found, a value of 0 is returned.
;
; OUTPUTS:
;   result: STRARR of matching files, or NULL string if no files are found.
;
; COMMON BLOCKS:
;   NONE
;
; SIDE EFFECTS:
;   None known
;
; RESTRICTIONS:
;   None known
;
; DEPENDENCIES:
;   NONE
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;   Written, 1998 May, Robert.Mallozzi@msfc.nasa.gov
;
;
;
; *****

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FUNCTION FINDFILES, fileSpec, RECURSE = recurse, ROOT = root, COUNT = count

```
doRecurse = KEYWORD_SET (recurse)
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```
IF (N_ELEMENTS (root) NE 0) THEN BEGIN
  searchDir = root
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
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CD, CURRENT = searchDir
ENDELSE
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CASE (STRUPCASE (!VERSION.OS_FAMILY)) OF
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'UNIX': BEGIN
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IF (N_ELEMENTS (fileSpec) EQ 0) THEN $
  fileSpec = '*'
```

```
IF (doRecurse) THEN BEGIN
```

```
  command = 'find ' + searchDir + $
    ' -name "' + fileSpec + '"'
```

```
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
```

```
  command = 'find ' + searchDir + $
    ' -maxdepth 1 -name "' + fileSpec + '"'
```

```
ENDELSE
```

```
SPAWN, /SH, command, result
END
```

```
'VMS': BEGIN
```

```
IF (N_ELEMENTS (fileSpec) EQ 0) THEN $
  fileSpec = '*.*'
```

```
IF (doRecurse) THEN BEGIN
```

```
  command = STRMID (searchDir, 0, STRLEN (searchDir) - 1) + $
    '...]' + fileSpec
```

```
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
```

```
  command = fileSpec
```

```
ENDELSE
```

```
result = FINDFILE (command)
END
```

```
'MACOS': BEGIN
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```
IF (N_ELEMENTS (fileSpec) EQ 0) THEN $
```

```
fileSpec = '*'

result = FINDFILE (fileSpec)
END

'WINDOWS': BEGIN

IF (N_ELEMENTS (fileSpec) EQ 0) THEN $
fileSpec = '*.*'

result = FINDFILE (fileSpec)
END

ELSE: MESSAGE, 'Unsupported operating system.'

ENDCASE

IF (result[0] EQ '') THEN BEGIN
count = 0L
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
count = N_ELEMENTS (result)
ENDELSE

RETURN, result

END

; end FINDFILES.PRO

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