
Subject: Curious FindFile behavior

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I'm running IDL5.1 on an SGI (IRIX6.2). I'm using FindFile to create an array of data filenames that I can pass to some processing code. There are (as it turns out) 515 files in the directory I'm searching. The filenames are all of the form xxxxxxxxx.xx.yymmdd.hhmmss.cdf. I get the following from FindFile-

```
IDL> files=FindFile('*.*', COUNT=nf)
IDL> PRINT, nf
      0
IDL> files=FindFile('*.cdf', COUNT=nf)
IDL> PRINT, nf
      0
IDL> files=FindFile('*98*.cdf', COUNT=nf)
IDL> PRINT, nf
      0
IDL> files=FindFile('*980*.cdf', COUNT=nf)
IDL> PRINT, nf
     425
IDL> files=FindFile('*981*.cdf', COUNT=nf)
IDL> PRINT, nf
      90
```

I don't see why cases 2 and (especially) 3 didn't result in nf=515. Can anyone explain this? Thanks.

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