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Subject: Getting File creation data/time

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Hi,

I am probably missing something completely but I am not able to find a function/routine to get a file creation data/time. The obvious work-around (Win9x, IDL 5.2):

```
FileName=Dialog_pickfile(/read)
```

```
; Pipeline the output of the dir command to a file
```

```
DOSCommand='dir '+FileName+' > datetime.txt'
```

```
Spawn, DosCommand
```

```
; Open the fie, read the output and delete it after closing
```

```
OpenR, lun, 'datetime.txt', /Get_Lun, /Delete
```

```
Skip=StrArr(6)
```

```
Readf, lun, Skip
```

```
Close, lun
```

```
Free_lun, lun
```

```
; Pull out the dat and time fields
```

```
Pieces=STRTRIM(STR_Sep(Skip[5], ' '),2)
```

```
Pieces=Pieces(Where(Pieces NE ""))
```

```
FileDate=Pieces[3]
```

```
FileTime=Pieces[4]
```

failes when there are spaces in the FileName, as the dir-command is unable to handle these. Before writing a little piece of C-code to do the job I wondered if somebody has any suggestions.

Ta!

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