
Subject: Re: findfile

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This comes up periodically as one of IDL's quirks (to use a kind word). IDL seems to just use the Unix 'ls' command in findfile. You'll probably find that 'ls /tmp/*.*' would also fail. Unix expands the argument list before executing the command and the argument list overflows some limit.

The last time this came up a few months ago a couple of readers indicated that they had written replacements for findfile to get around this. You might check dejanews.

Regards,
Tom McGlynn

"R.Bauer" wrote:

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> Hi,
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> I got in trouble by findfile on a unix sytem
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> while Windows IDL returns by findfile('C:*.*') all files
> unix (aix) IDL did not give a result if more than 3500 files in a
> directory.
> findfile('/tmp/*.*') is "
>
> If I use findfile('/tmp') I got all files.
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> Unfortunately I have momentanly on the unix only idl5.1
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> What is idl5.2 doing ?
>
> R.Bauer
