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Subject: Re: Path handling in different OSs??  
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Markus Feldt <mfeldt@mpia-hd.mpg.de> writes:

> Hi out there,

> did anybody bother to write some helpers for handling pathnames under  
> different OSs in IDL (something like "path\_to\_os") or so? Something  
> that replaces "/" bei "\" or ":" and appends ":" under MAC if needed? Or  
> is there some implemented function in idl which allows accessing  
> directory structures under differing OSs? Just asking, if not, I'll  
> write it myself...

Markus:

This is what we use. Additional supporting routines can be found in

<ftp://sohoftp.nascom.nasa.gov/solarsoft/gen/idl/>

William Thompson

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; Project   : SSW
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; Name      : CONCAT_DIR
;
; Purpose   : To concatenate directory and file names for current os.
;
; Explanation : The given file name is appended to the given directory
;              name with the format appropriate to the current operating
;              system. Can be also used to append two directory names
;
; Use       : IDL> full_name = concat_dir(directory,filename)
;            IDL> pixfile = concat_dir('$DIR_GIS_MODEL','pixels.dat')
;
;            IDL> file = ['f1.dat','f2.dat','f3.dat']
;            IDL> dir = '$DIR_NIS_CAL'
;            IDL> f = concat_dir(dir,file)
;
; Inputs    : DIRECTORY      the directory path (string)
;            FILE           the basic file name and extension (string)
;                          can be an array of filenames or directory
;                          names
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; Opt. Inputs : None
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; Outputs   : The function returns the concatenated string.  If the file
;            input is a string array then the output will be a string
;            array also.
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; Keywords  : DIR -- If set, the second argument is treated as a directory
;            name instead of a file name (it has no effect if not
;            under VMS system)
;            CHECK -- Check the validity of directory name(s) if set
;            NOTRANSULATE - bypass translation of environmental/logicals
;
;
; Calls     : CHK_DIR, BELL, BREAK_PATH, OS_FAMILY, GET_LOGENV, ARR2STR,
STR_SEP
;
;
; Restrictions: Assumes Unix type format if os is not VMS or windows.
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;
; Side effects: None
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;
; Category   : Utilities, Strings
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; Prev. Hist. : Yohkoh routine by M. Morrison
;
;
; Written    : CDS version by C D Pike, RAL, 19/3/93
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; Modified   :
;             Version 2, Liyun Wang, GSFC/ARC, January 3, 1995
;             Made it capable of concatenating directory names
;             Added keywords CHECK and DIR for output
;             Version 3, William Thompson, GSFC, 3 May 1995
;             Modified so spurious $ characters in front of VMS logical names
;             are ignored.  This makes it easier to port software written for
;             Unix to VMS.
;             Version 4, William Thompson, GSFC, 29 August 1995
;             Modified to use OS_FAMILY.
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;             Version 5, Samuel Freeland, GSFC, 21-February 1996
;             Merge SLF change to Decode Environmental/Logicals
;             Version 5.1, Samuel Freeland, LPARL, 12-mar-1996
;             restore /NOTRANS keyword
;             Version 5.2, RAS, HSTX, 20-Jun-1996, protect against '..' from concealed
;             directories in VMS
;             Version 5.3 J. Newmark, 03-Jun-1998, changed loops to long integer
;             Version 6, 14-Jan-1999, William Thompson, GSFC
;             Automatically decode environment variables starting with "$" in
;             the Windows.  Treat case where dirname ends in '/' in Windows.
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; VERSION:

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;   Version 6, 14-Jan-1999
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FUNCTION concat_dir, dirname, filnam, check=check, dir=dir, nottranslate=nottranslate
;
; Check number of parameters
;
IF N_PARAMS() LT 2 THEN BEGIN
  PRINT, ' ' & bell
  PRINT, 'Use:  out_string = concat_dir( directory, filename)'
  PRINT, ' '
  RETURN, "
ENDIF
;
; remove leading/trailing blanks
;
dir0 = STRTRIM(dirname, 2)
n_dir = N_ELEMENTS(dir0)
; ----- S.L.Freeland, 22-feb-1995 / Decode Logicals/Environment -----
check=keyword_set(check) ; set boolean,s.l.f, 22-feb-1995

envchk=get_logenv(dir0,outenv=outenv) ; translate logical/envron
envs=where(envchk ne "",envcnt)

if envcnt gt 0 then begin
  case 1 of
    keyword_set(nottranslate): dir0(envs)=outenv
    else: dir0(envs)=envchk(envs)
  endcase
endif
; -----
;
; act according to operating system
;
IF (!version.os EQ 'vms') THEN BEGIN
  i = 0
  wnot3 = strpos( dir0,'...']')
  w2per = (strpos( dir0,'..' ) ne -1) and (strpos(dir0,'...' ) eq -1)
  while i lt n_dir DO BEGIN
;
; Call BREAK_PATH to make sure that a leading dollar sign is not a problem.
; If more than one directory is returned, then only use the first one. (Note
; that the first entry in the array returned by break_path is always the null
; path.
;
dir0(i) = (break_path(dir0(i)))(1)
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; ----- RAS, 20-jun-1996 / protect against concealed file's period
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;
;   if wnot3(i) eq -1 then dir0(i) = arr2str( str_sep( dir0(i),'.'],'])
;   if w2per(i) then dir0(i) = arr2str( str_sep( dir0(i), '..','.')
;   IF check THEN BEGIN
;       IF NOT chk_dir(dir0(i)) THEN MESSAGE,/cont,$
;           'Warning: directory '+dir0(i)+' does not exist'
;   ENDIF
;   last = STRMID(dir0(i), STRLEN(dir0(i))-1,1)
;   IF ((last NE ']') AND (last NE ':')) THEN BEGIN
;       dir0(i) = dir0(i) + ':' ;append an ending ':'
;   ENDIF
;   i = i + 1
;   ENDwhile
;
;
; Under Windows, if the directory starts with a dollar sign, then check to see
; the if it's really an environment variable.  If it is, then substitute the
; the environment variable for the directory name.
;
;
;   ENDIF ELSE IF OS_FAMILY() EQ 'Windows' THEN BEGIN
;       FOR i = 0l, n_dir-1 DO BEGIN
;           FIRST = STRMID(DIR0(I), 0, 1)
;           IF FIRST EQ '$' THEN BEGIN
;               SLASH = STRPOS(DIR0(I)+'/', '/') < STRPOS(DIR0(I)+'\', '\')
;               TEST = GETENV(STRMID(DIR0(I),1,SLASH-1))
;               IF TEST NE '' THEN BEGIN
;                   IF STRLEN(DIR0(I)) GT SLASH THEN TEST = TEST + $
;                       STRMID(DIR0(I),SLASH,STRLEN(DIR0(I))-SLASH)
;                   DIR0(I) = TEST
;               ENDIF
;           ENDIF
;       ENDIF
;   ENDIF
;
;   IF check THEN BEGIN
;       IF NOT chk_dir(dir0(i)) THEN MESSAGE,/cont,$
;           'Warning: directory '+dir0(i)+' does not exist'
;   ENDIF
;   last = STRMID(dir0(i), STRLEN(dir0(i))-1, 1)
;   IF (last NE '\') AND (last NE '/') AND (last NE ':') THEN BEGIN
;       dir0(i) = dir0(i) + '\' ;append an ending '\'
;   ENDIF
;   ENDFOR
;
;   ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
;       FOR i = 0l, n_dir-1 DO BEGIN
;           IF check THEN BEGIN
;               IF NOT chk_dir(dir0(i)) THEN MESSAGE,/cont,$
;                   'Warning: directory '+dir0(i)+' does not exist'
;           ENDIF

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    IF (STRMID(dir0(i), STRLEN(dir0(i))-1, 1) NE '/') THEN BEGIN
        dir0(i) = dir0(i) + '/' ;append an ending '/'
    ENDIF
ENDFOR
ENDELSE
;
; no '/' needed when using default directory
;
FOR i = 0l, n_dir-1 DO BEGIN
    IF (dirname(i) EQ "") THEN dir0(i) = ""
ENDFOR

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; Under Unix and Windows, FILNAM can still be appended to dir0 even if it
; is a directory name. Under VMS, however, we have to check to see if
; FILNAM is a directory name, and if it is, we have to do more to append
; it to dir0.
;-----
IF !version.os EQ 'vms' AND KEYWORD_SET(dir) THEN BEGIN
    dirlen = STRLEN(dir0(0))
    IF STRMID(dir0(0), dirlen-1,1) EQ ':' THEN BEGIN
;-----
;     dir0(0) is a logical dir name; we need to get its real name
;-----
        realdir = chklog(dir0(0))
        IF realdir EQ "" THEN $
            MESSAGE, dir0(0)+' is not a directory!'
        ENDIF ELSE realdir = dir0(0)
        temp = STRMID(realdir,0,STRLEN(realdir)-1)+'.'
        FOR i = 0l, N_ELEMENTS(filnam)-1 DO BEGIN
            new_name = temp+STRUPCASE(filnam(i))+']'
            IF check THEN BEGIN
                IF chk_dir(new_name,outdir,/full) THEN BEGIN
                    IF N_ELEMENTS(result) EQ 0 THEN $
                        result = outdir $
                    ELSE $
                        result = [result, outdir]
                ENDIF ELSE $
                    message, 'Warning: '+new_name+' is not a valid directory name!',$
                        /continue
            ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
                IF N_ELEMENTS(result) EQ 0 THEN $
                    result = new_name $
                ELSE $
                    result = [result, new_name]
            ENDIF ELSE $
            ENDELSE
        ENDFOR
        IF N_ELEMENTS (result) NE 0 THEN RETURN, result ELSE RETURN, ""
    ENDIF
ENDIF

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ENDIF ELSE RETURN, dir0 + filnam  
END
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