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Subject: Re: filename check

Posted by [mole6e23](#) on Tue, 24 Oct 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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In article

<Pine.OSF.3.96.1001024143333.20360F-100000@zuaxp7.star.ucl.ac.uk>, Stuart Colley <src@star.ucl.ac.uk> wrote:

> Can anyone suggest a way to check that a file exists before attempting to  
> read from it, since the error messages obtained from trying to read from a  
> non-existing file, don't make it clear that file doesn't exist.

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> cheers,

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;; The following requires IDL 5.3 or higher...

;; if you don't have it, you'll have to figure

;; out the type yourself using the normal size

;; function

function file\_exists, fileName

if( size( fileName, /type ) ne 7 ) then return, 0

fileList = findfile( fileName )

if( fileList[0] eq " " ) then return, 0 else return, 1

end ;; file\_exists

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Good luck!

Todd

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