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Subject: findfile on unix bug - help  
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Hi,

I have a problem running my code on a unix machine (idl5.4). The command is as follows:

```
files = findfile(subdirectory+'*.dat',count=num)
```

This does not give me the files in that subdirectory, rather it gives me the files in the current folder.

So now if I do the same command as:  

```
files = findfile(subdirectory+'*',count=num)
```

  
I do get the entire listing. This is how I work around it, however, it is possible that there are files other than the \*.dat and I want to filter on those. This works in win2000 nicely, so what is the problem on the unix side?

I can use \* in unix command lines. For instance  
> ls \*.txt  
lists only the txt files.

So how do I perform this command so as to find and filter the \*.dat files?

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-- didn't find anything helpful on google groups

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