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Subject: Re: findfile on unix bug - help  
Posted by [R.G.S.](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2001 14:35:13 GMT  
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Paul Manusiu <phpvm@alinga.newcastle.edu.au> wrote in message  
news:3BC1B18B.B708E9C7@alinga.newcastle.edu.au...

>> and this works ( of course, I shudder at the thought of using code that  
>> changes the current directory).

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> Under Unix, CD does not affect the working directory of the process that  
> started IDL.

I did not know that. If that is info that is kept by IDL, does it extend to  
the following question: If I have two IDL sessions running, they won't  
cross talk the current directory? That is my fear with this solution, that  
process1 would change directory to /data, then process2 would change  
it to /output, then process1 would try to read data files and fail.  
If this won't happen, then the cd,subdirectory kludge isn't so bad.

> Check that there isn't a blank character in your subdirectory string. For  
> example use  
> `strtrim(subdirectory,1)`

No blank characters, I checked that. I have used  
`strcompress(subdir+'*.'+extension,/remove_all)`.  
Same results.

> Also if its a subdirectory of the current directory (ie relative path)  
check  
> that you have not place " / "  
> at the beginning of your path.

I use absolute paths (since the data is kept in its own tree, separate  
from my user tree, or the IDL tree).

Cheers,  
bob

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