
Subject: Re: Unsatisfactory 'file_test()' behavior
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2001 16:09:06 GMT
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"Paul van Delst" <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> wrote in message
news:3C1E0DEA.7E4D534E@noaa.gov...
>> Matt Feinstein (mfein@clark.net) writes:
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>>> If I do
>>>
>>> e = file_test("")
>>>
>>> that is, test for the existence of a file whose name is a zero-length
>>> string, I get e = 1. This is not good ! (Using IDL v5.4 WinNT 4.0).
> p.s.:
>
> IDL> print, !version
> { x86 linux unix 5.4.1 Jan 16 2001 32 32}
> IDL> print, file_test("")
> 0
>
> Looks like it may have something to do with the, uh..er, "fluctuating
properties" of Windows.

Fluctuating, indeed!...

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IDL Version 5.4 (Win32 x86). (c) 2000, Research Systems, Inc.

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IDL> print, file_test("")  
1  
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```

IDL Version 5.5, Microsoft Windows (Win32 x86). (c) 2001, Research Systems,
Inc.

```
IDL> print, file_test("")  
0  
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Perhaps this is considered to be fixed now.

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-Dick

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