
Subject: Re: idl5.5 bug (relative path)

Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2002 18:40:02 GMT

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Paul van Delst wrote:

> Reimar Bauer wrote:

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>> Hi,

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>> I have problems accessing data over a relative paths.

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>> \$ ls ../../../../data/mo_output/modell_original_output/test.dat

>> gives ../../../../data/mo_output/modell_original_output/test.dat

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print,file_test('../../../../data/mo_output/modell_original_ output/test.dat')

>> 0

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>> Is there a work around known?

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> Things like

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> print,file_test('~'/data/mo_output/modell_original_output/tes t.dat')

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> won't work either.

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> bummer.

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> paulv

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I can understand that. ~ is a shell expansion (and only in some shells) so if it doesn't use a sub-process and a shell which understands ~, ~ won't get expanded.

But it would be useful (at least on UNIX, I'm not sure what Windows would make of it).

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