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

Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2002 11:33:54 GMT

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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
>
> print,file_test('../../../../data/mo_output/modell_original_output/test.dat')
> 0
>
>
> Is there a work around known?
>
> Reimar
```

Unfortunately I can confirm this bug on Linux, IRIX and Solaris.
It goes wrong at the ../../ stage (../ is ok).

Can you use `file_expand_path()`? This seems to do relative paths ok.

E.g. on my system :

```
IDL> print,file_test('../../../../data/nmw')
0
```

```
IDL> print,file_test(file_expand_path('../../../../data')+'nmw')
1
```

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