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Subject: Re: Bugfix/workaround for Mac directory names with spaces?

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Mon, 15 Apr 2002 23:39:54 GMT

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"James Kuyper" <kuyper@gscmail.gsfc.nasa.gov> wrote in message  
news:3CBB58A5.5070702@gscmail.gsfc.nasa.gov...

> Mark Hadfield wrote:

>> Unix people look down their noses at us Windows users because we're

>> foolish enough to use file names with spaces in the middle. But

>> only a Mac user would put a space at the beginning!

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> It's perfectly legal to have spaces in Unix filenames, even at the

> start of filenames. They can cause a number of very annoying

> problems when working with command line utilities, but then the same

> could be said of Windows. As long as you stick with GUI interfaces,

> the spaces are pretty much irrelevant.

The people who wrote Cray's DMF (Data Migration Facility) software obviously weren't expecting any Windows users on their system. You can check in files with spaces in their names any time you like, but you can't get them back! Even with a GUI.

> Of course, power Unix users know they have a better list of command

> line utilities at their disposal than Windows users, so they're

> tempted to leave their GUI's more often. :-)

I stand corrected. I should have said that "Unix people look down their noses at us Windows users because we're foolish enough to use file names with spaces in the middle \*and\* because we don't know how to use command-line tools".

I should warn you that I will fight to the death any attempt to turn this thread back into a serious discussion.

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