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

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Mark Hadfield wrote:

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> "Struan Gray" <struan.gray@sljus.lu.se> wrote in message
> news:a9einm$3a4$1@news.lth.se...
>
>> I recently started putting a space at the start of the names of
>> folders containing my most recent data. This forces them to appear
>> at the top of listings when using, for example, IDL's
>> DIALOG_PICKFILE.
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>
> 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.

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. :-)
