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Subject: Re: cd bug in IDL 5.5

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> Dear Ben,  
>  
> it could be easier to use file_which  
>  
> x=file_which('mean.pro')  
> print,x  
> /usr/local/idl/idl/lib/mean.pro  
>  
> fpe=file_path_name_ext(x)  
>  
> print,fpe.path  
> /usr/local/idl/idl/lib/
```

Reimar,

You're right, if file\_which worked correctly it would be easier (and faster) to use. Unfortunately, in win2k it doesn't seem to work right. Here are some examples.

If you are in the IDL working directory it works fine.

```
IDL> print, file_which('copyToClipboard.exe')
```

```
C:\BEN_HILLDORE\KVI\KVI_PROGRAMS\Support Programs\copyToClipboard.exe
```

Now i'll move that file to 'c:\gs'

```
IDL> print, file_which('c:\', 'copyToClipboard.exe')
```

It returns a null.

If I specify the path directly to it, it works.

```
IDL> print, file_which('c:\gs', 'copyToClipboard.exe')
```

```
c:\gs\copyToClipboard.exe
```

This routine seems to suffer from the same problem as expand\_file\_path.

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