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Subject: Best way of detecting a directory  
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Hi,

I use IDL on machines running Unix (or alike) and VMS, and I have a routine (I call it CHK\_DIR) that can detect a given string to see if it represents a \*valid\* directory name. Spawning a subprocess to make the test is my way of doing it (which I think is a must under VMS), but its kind of slow. I wonder if anyone out there has a better way.

Thanks.

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