
Subject: Re: File_Which What!?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Nov 2002 17:46:36 GMT

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David Fanning (david@dfanning.com) writes:

- > Humm, well, further tests this morning show that the file
- > can be found if the directory containing it
- > is **explicitly** on the path. That is, the directory
- > is named specifically in File->Preferences->Path.
- > If the directory containing the file is implicitly
- > on the path (I.e., I have selected a check box for
- > the parent directory in File->Preferences->Path)
- > then the file can't be found.

OK, here is the **real** story from someone who knows (not me). :-)

File_Which very sensibly does NOT search any directory that does not contain either a .pro or .sav file. (Why include directories on an IDL search path that can't result in anything productive? Slows everything down.)

In my case, I was looking for color table files (*.clt) in a sub-directory with no *.pro files. If my color table sub-directory is **explicitly** on the path, File_Which will find the file as expected. Or, I can just put a dummy PRO file in the directory as a locator file, and File_Which will also find the correct file. Neat!

Cheers,

David

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