
Subject: Re: File_Which What!?

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Nigel Wade (nmw@ion.le.ac.uk) writes:

> It works here, with IDL 5.5 on IRIX. (I created a file called "fire.clt" at
> some location in the IDL path and FILE_WHICH found it ok). Looking at the
> source, FILE_WHICH uses FILE_TEST to test for the file. It loops through
> each directory in the path testing for the file in that directory until it
> either succeeds or runs out of entries in the path. Does FILE_TEST indicate
> success if you use that with the full path?

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.

Bummer. :-(

Cheers,

David

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