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Subject: Re: fstat, file\_info and file\_test  
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Paul van Delst wrote:

>  
> Umm, pardon my denseness, but how is this different from file access/status issues for  
> other languages? My experience is limited to Fortran (which has a number of file inquiry  
> capabilities) but I would think at some point, regardless of language, the programmer has  
> to take responsibility for avoiding the problems mentioned. At the very least, code  
> defensively to trap or minimise subsequent damage.  
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> paulv  
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No, no, your not dense at all! You've hit it right on the head! I think that is what Nigel might have been saying under his breath - but I shouldn't put words there. I thought I was being careful by checking that the file was open before writing to it (or closing it when I'm done.) I'm still banging my head against the images from a submarine camera. It's one of the GUI things where the images are being collected from a rolling tape at n second intervals. The user might want to pause the collecting process to wait for a jelly fish to float past the camera, swap tapes or who knows what? Your right, I'll just have to be tight about programmatic control.

Cheers,  
Ben

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