
Subject: Re: FILE_SEARCH() issue.

Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 23:00:51 GMT

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In article <c9qlvd\$b8q\$1@news01.cit.cornell.edu>,
Jonathan Joseph <jj21@cornell.edu> wrote:

> One of the reasons FILE_SEARCH is so nice though, is that it doesn't run
> up against the OS limit on argument list length. If I try to do an ls
> with a wildcard (like *.txt) and specify the full path, I get
> "/usr/bin/ls: Arg list too long." Currently, if I actually cd to the
> directory, I won't get that particular error, but as files continue to
> accumulate, that may not be true for much longer.

I think this is a shell (not an OS) limitation. I believe the solution
(under unix systems), is to use find instead of ls.

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