
Subject: Re: FILE_SEARCH() issue.

Posted by [Jonathan Joseph](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 20:26:39 GMT

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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.

It is nice to know I'm not the only one who has seen this problem.

-Jonathan

R.G. Stockwell wrote:

> I KNOW! :)
> I ran into this same problem before, under the same circumstances as you.
> It is especially annoying because, in my case, each file was a satellite track, so
> my analysis would sneakily drop the occasional orbit. argh!
> (only seemed to be a problem when there were ~10,000 files)
> I ended up just spawning out the the OS and getting a directory listing.
> (and writing a check to make sure that if an orbit was missing, that it
> was really missing).
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> cheers,
> bob
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