
Subject: Re: Find files in windows, search subdirectories
Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Sun, 28 Nov 2004 18:27:44 GMT
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In article <2a162acf.0411280932.4691e311@posting.google.com>, "Luciano"
<luxx@softhome.net> wrote:

> hi,
> How do I find all the *.txt files, recursively inside all the
> subdirectories from the path given ? In windows. I can only find them
> for the base directory, using file_search, I cannot get it to search
> inside subdirectories. The help on file_search sucks, I couldn't
> descifer how to do it. I'm using idl 6.0, win xp.
> thanks!

Hi,

Use the second form of file_search, i.e

```
result=file_search(directory_specification, recursive_pattern)
```

so, to find all *.txt files in the current directory and any
sub-directories

```
result=file_search('.', '*.txt')
```

That's for Unix filesystems, you'll need to specify the directory
properly for a Windows systems, I have no idea what '.' would translate
to, possibly your home directory? use the full path 'c:\blah'....

Chris.
