
Subject: file_basename(): bug or feature?

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On Unix machines, IDL's file_basename() function doesn't split a path in Windows format (with backslashes). On Windows machines, it splits both (yes, I know, on Windows you can also use both to specify a path). Is this a bug or a feature?

Linux:

```
IDL> filename='d:\path\to\file.ex'
IDL> print,file_basename(filename)
d:\path\to\file.ex
IDL> filename='d:/path/to/file.ex'
IDL> print,file_basename(filename)
file.ex
```

Windows:

```
IDL> filename='d:\path\to\file.ex'
IDL> print,file_basename(filename)
file.ex
IDL> filename='d:/path/to/file.ex'
IDL> print,file_basename(filename)
file.ex
```

I have a situation where a Linux machine has to handle Windows paths, where this is quite annoying ...

Any comments? Thanks
Benjamin
