
Subject: Re: FILE_DIRNAME question

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Kenneth Bowman wrote:

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> Can anyone explain what I am doing wrong here?
>
> IDL> print, FILE_DIRNAME(['top', 'middle'], /MARK)
> ./ ./
> IDL> print, FILE_DIRNAME('/top/middle/', /MARK)
> /top/
>
>
```

Hi,

I have the same system and version. I'm not sure what to think, but I wonder why you are comparing '/top...' with 'top'. I have always assumed that the leading '/' was an important component of the path description. At least when I do the following I get what I expect to get.

```
IDL> print, FILE_DIRNAME(['top', 'middle'], /MARK)
//
```

Ben
