In article <pan.2005.09.19.21.24.55.124175@as.arizona.edu>,
 JD Smith <jdsmith@as.arizona.edu> wrote:

> On Mon, 19 Sep 2005 12:43:02 -0500, Kenneth Bowman wrote:
>
>> Can anyone explain what I am doing wrong here?
>>
>> IDL> print, FILE_DIRNAME(['top', 'middle'], /MARK)
>> ./ ./
>> IDL> print, FILE_DIRNAME('/top/middle/', /MARK)
>> /top/
>
> Ummm, nothing? The first one has two relative file names, so their
> directory is the current directory, aka ".", or "./" when you are
> using /MARK. Maybe you meant:
>
> IDL> print, filepath(ROOT='top','middle')
> top/middle
>
> JD

Ah well, I have never have been able to make sense of the documentation
for most of the FILE_ routines. I thought FILEPATH was obsolescent,
like FINDFILE. I guess it was the consistent procedure naming
convention that threw me. ;-)

So, how does everyone assemble a platform-independent path from an array
of directory names?

Ken