
Subject: Re: FINDFILE vs. FILE_SEARCH
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Mark Conner wrote:

- > I'm using IDL 6.1 on WinXP Pro to look for a set of files (can be
- > 1500+) in a directory on a Sun system connected via Samba. The
- > directory appears as the standard UNC (\\server\directory\files.ext).
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- > I've read all the stuff that says to use FILE_SEARCH instead of
- > FINDFILE. However, it takes nearly two minutes to return a list of
- > files (setting /NOSORT saves perhaps a couple seconds). Using FINDFILE
- > I get a list back in three seconds. Any ideas why?
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- > Network traffic or machine loads on either end are not a factor. I'm
- > guessing it's a issue with how FILE_SEARCH interacts with
- > Samba-connected directories, but does anyone know for sure?
- > Workarounds (other than continuing to use FINDFILE and hope it works
- > properly)?
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Are you using FILE_SEARCH in a recursive mode? I find that
result = FILE_SEARCH("path", "name") can take a lot longer than
result = FILE_SEARCH("path/name") if there are many subdirectories to
search.

Ben
