
Subject: FINDFILE vs. FILE_SEARCH

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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).

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?

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)?

- Mark
