
Subject: file_expand_path

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Hello,

I am trying to to use IDL and have run into some a strange behavior in 6.2 using file_expand_path. The following lines illustrate what I am seeing:

```
IDL> file_a=file_expand_path('full28field.table')
IDL> print, file_a
C:\DocSet\MyDoc\IDL\working\full28field.table
IDL> print, file_test(file_a)
0
IDL> file_b='C:\DocSet\MyDoc\IDL\working\FieldInfo\full28field.ta ble'
IDL> print, file_test(file_b)
1
```

As can be seen above, the path that it is returning is not the true path of the file but I don't know why it isn't. The search path that I have set in "Preferences" (in addition to default) is 'C:\DocSet\MyDoc\IDL' and its sub-directories. (note that '\DocSet\MyDoc' = '\Documents and Settings\user\My Documents' in reality)

Any ideas out there why I am running into this problem? Suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Damon
