Mark Hadfield wrote:
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> mallozzi@ssl.msfc.nasa.gov wrote:
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>> I just tried to port a large IDL package that runs fine on VMS, IRIX,
>> Sun, and Linux to Win95. It appears that IDL does not recognize the
>> long filenames that Win95 uses....
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>> I was using v3.6, but a colleague told me this also happens under 4.0.1
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> Yes, it does occur under 4.0.1. Under NT (and presumably under Win95 also)
> many routines seem to accept long file names if you append a space on the
> end, eg,
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> OPENR, 1, 'alongfilename.dat'+' '
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How about long procedure names? I would think this would be even worse
than the long data file names. I have a huge idl application I've been
working on for almost 3 years under various flavors of unix and on the
Mac (> 12,000 lines of code). Lots of procedure names like
"define_colors.pro", "set_contours.pro", "widget_window.pro," etc that
don't conform to DOS limits.

If I want to port this to NT, will I have to go through and change
everything to 8-character names?! What a nightmare!

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