
Subject: Re: file_search: need work around for filenames with square brackets []

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 06 Jun 2009 14:03:35 GMT

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rklein writes:

- > the routines for reading FITS-files in the IDL astro library use
- > file_search() internally. Now I want to read a file name with square
- > brackets (as this "[" and " this"]") in it, but file_search seems to
- > interpret the square brackets as regular expression. Is there a way to
- > escape the brackets?
- > Other suggestions?
- > I don't really want to change the library routines not rename the
- > files I have to read.

Yeah, I hear you. I want to play tennis and hike in the mountains instead of going to work every day. :-(

Have you tried a back slash as an escape character?

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
