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Subject: Re: Tips for IDL-istic file transfer...? Please help me.  
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Harry Kim wrote:

> Hi, all! I need your help. I have about 3200 folders. Each folder has  
> 2 or 8 files in there.  
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> I am trying to move files in those folders into one folder.  
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> the folder's names are as follows.  
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> '2000.01.01', '2000.01.02', '2000.01.03'... , '2008.12.31'.  
>  
> I want to move the files in these folders into one file named  
> '2000-2008'.  
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> After I have been repeating to open one folder, to cut files, and to  
> copy them into one folder for 15 minutes manually, I feel very stupid.  
> I think there must be some way in IDL, but I cannot figure out what to  
> do.  
>  
> Can someone get me out of this stupidity? Please let me know an IDL-  
> istic solution for this problem.

The question's been answered, but IDL isn't the ideal (pun intended :o) tool here... IMO at least. What about:

```
#!/bin/sh
old_dirs=`ls -d 20??.*`
new_dir="2000-2008"
test -d ${new_dir} || mkdir ${new_dir}
for dir in ${old_dirs}; do
  mv ${dir}/* ${new_dir}
done
```

in regular old shell??

Disregard if you're a windows user of course....

cheers,

paulv

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