
Subject: Re: recursive FILE_SEARCH in a symbolic link ?
Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Fri, 18 Jun 2010 01:03:42 GMT
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On Thu, 17 Jun 2010 13:56:33 -0700 (PDT), nata wrote:

> I'm working in Linux...
> What I mean is that I do not want a code that does not work in
> Windows, that's all.
>
> My symbolic links are links to directories created using the command
> ln -s target link_name
>
> nata

Hello nata,

I made a test on Windows. I created some links on a NTFS drive with the cygwin ln-command:

```
$ ln text.txt hardlink_to_file.txt  
$ ln -s text.txt softlink_to_file.txt  
$ ln -s ../folder2 softlink_to_folder
```

And what shall I say, FILE_SEARCH finds them all. Here are the results:

```
IDL> f=file_search('test\folder','*')  
IDL> print,f,format='(a)'  
test\folder\hardlink_to_file.txt  
test\folder\softlink_to_file.txt.lnk  
test\folder\softlink_to_folder.lnk  
test\folder\test.txt  
IDL> print,!version  
{ x86 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 7.1.2 Oct 28 2009    32  
64}
```

Note that Windows added the extension ".lnk" to the soft links.

HTH, Heinz
