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Subject: Re: Rename files using IDL - is it possible?  
Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Fri, 06 Aug 2010 22:48:38 GMT  
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On Fri, 6 Aug 2010 09:20:20 -0700 (PDT), Chris Torrence wrote:

> Hi LN,  
>  
> In IDL 7.1 the file I/O routines had some problems with special  
> characters. These have all been fixed in IDL 8.0, and if it is  
> possible, I would recommend downloading IDL 8.0 and giving that a try.  
>  
> Hope this helps.  
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> Chris Torrence  
> IDL Software Development Manager  
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Hi Chris,

I'm sorry, but it is IDL 8.0 which has a problem. Version { x86 Win32  
Windows Microsoft Windows 8.0 Jun 17 2010 32 64}. Here is a  
demonstration. It is a little bit complicated, because one can't  
create the necessary filenames with IDL 8.0.

1. Create a file with the name test?.txt by use of the Windows  
Explorer. The 5th character has to be a "Latin Capital Letter A With  
Ring Above". It can be created with keystroke ALT+0197. It is replaced  
by a ? in this posting, because it probably would not be transmitted  
correctly.

2. Create a 2nd file with the name test???.txt. The 5th character is a  
"Latin Capital Letter A With Tilde", keystroke ALT+0195. The 6th  
character is a "Horizontal Ellipsis", keystroke ALT+0133.

3. Go to the IDL Workbench and "open" the 2nd file with  
file=dialog\_pickfile()

4. Delete the 2nd file with: file\_delete,file

The first file is deleted instead of the second one. Without any error  
message.

Heinz

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