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Subject: Re: Finding a large number of files - ls vs file\_search?

Posted by [rogass](#) on Wed, 31 Aug 2011 12:08:57 GMT

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On 9 Aug., 10:56, Rob <rj...@le.ac.uk> wrote:

> I have ascii output from some code that numbers in the tens of  
> thousands of files (e.g. 60,000).  
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> I want to read these in in IDL, check the result and only select the  
> files where the result meets a certain condition.  
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> I have this all coded up and it works fine for smaller sets of data  
> but it can take a long long time for file\_search to return a result  
> when searching 60,000 files.  
>  
> My question is would it be more efficient to spawn an ls command or  
> something else rather than using file\_search within IDL?  
>  
> Cheers  
>  
> Rob

Hi Rob,  
just try the /no\_sort keyword for file\_search. Now it's fast, I  
think :)

Cheers

CR

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