
Subject: Re: * Some long filenames do work on NT4.0 !!! *
Posted by [Joseph M Zawodny](#) on Tue, 14 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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Peter Clinch wrote:

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> Joseph M. Zawodny wrote:
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>> My questions are these:
>> Does this work for anyone else?
>> Why does this work at all?
>> When is V5.0 coming out :-)?
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> It works not so much under NT, as NTFS. NT will run on either a FAT
> filesystem, or if you're not braindead you can set it up on the NTFS
> filesystem, which supports long names. NT's own files are 8.3 to
> support use on a FAT, but as long as you are using NTFS on a drive it
> should store long filenames quite happily.

The partition is NTFS as you guessed. Well, this is great news! All I have to do now is move all the code I have archived away (waiting for IDL V5.0) to an NTFS partition and I can run it again. I was waiting rather than editing the code because I would have had to edit virtually every procedure. I am probably in the minority, but I like long procedure names, like WIDGET_SELECT_PRINTER and WIDGET_SELECT_FILE. These two would be represented as WIDGET_S.PRO in a 8.3 bound FAT partition. Hence the major editing job required to fix what can only be described as a lack of foresight and a botched release of IDL for Windows by RSI. I can only hope V5.0 will happily digest my heritage code.

> As to when will NT 5.0 be released,...

No, I was referring to the IDL V5.0 release.

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