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Subject: Re: reading shapefiles & IDL objects  
Posted by [Russell\[1\]](#) on Wed, 21 Dec 2011 16:18:38 GMT  
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Are you sure that the file 'pivot6.shp' is a valid shape file?

IDLfShape will return a null pointer if the file is invalid....

Russell

On Dec 21, 11:06 am, desertdryad <dry...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Dec 20, 8:56 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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>> desertdryad writes:

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>>> Now, I know for certain that the shapefile exists whose name gets

>>> passed as 'filename' and I've specified the path at the command line.

>>> Yet, I get this error:

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>>> ENVI> testme = readshape('C:\etotest\pivot6.shp')

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>>> MYSHAPE        OBJREF    = <NullObject>

>>> % Stop encountered: READSHAPE        7 C:\Cyndys\Default

>>> \readshape.pro

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>>> What on Earth am I doing wrong, here? Please advise.

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>> It looks to me like there is an extra slash in the

>> filename. Shouldn't the file name be this:

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>>    filename = 'C:\etotest\pivot6.shp'

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> Yes; but it makes no difference!