
Subject: FILE_MOVE - FILE_COPY

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Hi all,

I'm experiencing a strange behavior of IDL when using FILE_MOVE and FILE_COPY and I'm not able to understand what is going on (probably because it's Friday:)).

I would like to rename a file.

for example:

```
fname=test_0.txt  
new_fname= test_1.txt
```

Considering what is written in the IDL help it should be enough to do something like this:

```
"FILE_MOVE, fname, new_fname"
```

but when I try to do this I got the following error:

```
"FILE_MOVE: Destination must be a directory. File: test_1.txt"
```

I get the same error even if I try to move and rename the file to a new directory where I have write permissions.

```
FILE_MOVE, fname, output_path+new_fname
```

I have already used in this way this routine but I don't know why I'm facing this problem now.

The same is with FILE_COPY.

Does anybody know any suggestions/workarounds for this?

thanks in advance
