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Subject: Re: FILE\_MOVE - FILE\_COPY  
Posted by [titan](#) on Fri, 26 Oct 2012 14:34:24 GMT  
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On Friday, October 26, 2012 3:21:45 PM UTC+2, ben.bighair wrote:

> On Friday, October 26, 2012 5:16:29 AM UTC-4, titan wrote:

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>> Hi all,

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>> 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:)).

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>> I would like to rename a file.

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>> for example:

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>> fname=test\_0.txt

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>> new\_fname= test\_1.txt

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>> Considering what is written in the IDL help it should be enough to do something like this:
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>> "FILE_MOVE, fname, new_fname"
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>> but when I try to do this I got the following error:
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>> "FILE_MOVE: Destination must be a directory. File: test_1.txt"
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>> I get the same error even if I try to move and rename the file to a new directory where I have
write permissions.
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>> FILE_MOVE, fname, output_path+new_fname
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>> I have already used in this way this routine but I don't know why I'm facing this problem now.
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>> The same is with FILE_COPY.
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> Hi,
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> The documentation* for FILE_MOVE says the destination must be a directory if the source
points to more than one file.
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> "If more than one file is to be moved to a given destination, that destination must exist and be a
directory."
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> Are you sure-sure-sure that 'fname' is a scalar? You might try...
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> FILE_MOVE, fname[0], new_fname
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> Cheers,
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> Ben
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> * http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/FILE\_MOVE.html (online - woohooooo!)
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Hi Ben,  
I'm sure that it is a scalar because if I try printing the variable I get only one value.

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