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Subject: Re: FILE\_MOVE - FILE\_COPY

Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Fri, 26 Oct 2012 13:21:45 GMT

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

> 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,

The documentation\* for FILE\_MOVE says the destination must be a directory if the source points to more than one file.

"If more than one file is to be moved to a given destination, that destination must exist and be a directory."

Are you sure-sure-sure that 'fname' is a scalar? You might try...

FILE\_MOVE, fname[0], new\_fname

Cheers,  
Ben

\* [http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/FILE\\_MOVE.html](http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/FILE_MOVE.html) (online - woohooooo!)

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