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Subject: Re: Spaces in Mac file names

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On Saturday, April 13, 2013 1:30:22 PM UTC-4, kagol...@lbl.gov wrote:

> Regarding spaces in Mac file and directory names: I know this is an old topic, but is there a generally accepted method, or a library function in someone's IDL library, to take a file name as input and output a copy with the spaces escaped properly with backslashes?

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> In other words, take

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> /this/directory/has spaces/youknow.txt

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> and output

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> /this/directory/has\ spaces/youknow.txt

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> I need this for a spawn command to work on arbitrary files. Thanks!

I usually do this:

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ENVI> path = '/this/directory/has spaces/youknow.txt'
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ENVI> print, strjoin(strsplit(path, ' ', /extract), '\ ')
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/this/directory/has\ spaces/youknow.txt
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