
Subject: findfile gives 'Array has a corrupted descriptor' error

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I running IDL 8.2.3 on Win7 64bit. I have an older program that uses findfile() to recursively find a set of filenames with a wildcard. I realize findfile is obsolete, but it runs *much* faster than file_search. When the findfile returns more than ~5000 files, however, I get the following error:

```
found=file_search(uval.path+'*',count=count,/mark_dir)
% Array has a corrupted descriptor: FOUND.
```

Any ideas what is causing the error?

Assuming that this is a bug that will not be fixed, does anyone have a fast alternative to file_search?

Thanks
