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Subject: Solaris 2.5.1 "Long filenames not readable bug" in IDL  
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Hello,

I noticed this topic in David Fannings IDL 5.0 Bug Reports. I had the same problem using IDL 4.0.1 (and any other software that used a file selection dialogue box for that matter) and found that certain patches to the Sun operating system provided the solution. The following is what I sent to our sysadmins to institute the OS corrections to remove the problem.

Apologies if this is old news. I haven't followed this newsgroup to closely recently.

Regards,

Paul van Delst

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(Taken from comp.unix.solaris)

On many Solaris systems, wildcards in some positions in file names entered in the Filter field of file selection dialogs don't work. Sun has a patch for this, ID is 103186-08, which consists of a new copy of /usr/dt/lib/libXm.so.3.

Another possible problem requiring a patch from Sun is a messed up file name list in file selection dialogs (Open, Include, etc.). The file list shows up containing full path names and no horizontal scroll bar, usually with the useful part of the names scrolled hopelessly off to the right of the list. The patches for this are ID# 102226-19 (for Solaris 2.4), or ID# 103461-07 (for Solaris 2.5.1).

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