Subject: testing if two strings point to the same file
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Hello IDL Wizards,

IDL> file1='/tmp/qq/qq.dat'
IDL> file2='/tmp//qq//qq.dat'
IDL> file_copy,file1,file2
% FILE_COPY: Source file must be different from target file.

This situation will only arise if someone has done something dumb, or at least inconsistent. Let he/she who is without sin cast the first stone.

Is there a good way to test if FILE1 and FILE2 are actually the same file?

--Edward H.