
Subject: FILEPATH bug (feature) in IDL for Windows
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A problem and a solution: When its TMP keyword is set, the USERLIB function FILEPATH in IDL (version 3.1) is supposed to return a fully-qualified pathname in the "proper place for temporary files under the current operating system". When run under Windows on my system it gives:

```
IDL> print,filepath('foo.dat',/tmp)
\tmp\foo.dat
```

The solution is to replace the following code:

```
IF (do_tmp) THEN BEGIN
  CASE !VERSION.OS OF
  ...
    'windows': root_dir = '\tmp'
```

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