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Posted by [Ben Tupper](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Paul van Delst wrote:

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Actually, I wrote it when I was on windows/unix. It is not elegant but it is handy.

Ben

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[bunch of stuff snipped...]

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The Fortran news group has regular questions about this exact same thing. As David's answer points out, the use of iw.w formatting is oh so helpful.

paulv

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Here's the output of sort_extension:

```
IDL> sort_extension
Macintosh HD:pemaquid:untitled.01has extension 01
Which is a float value of    1.00000
And is position              0 in the file list
Macintosh HD:pemaquid:untitled.03has extension 03
Which is a float value of    3.00000
And is position              1 in the file list
Macintosh HD:pemaquid:untitled.12has extension 12
Which is a float value of   12.0000
And is position              2 in the file list
```

+++++START

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;+
; NAME:
; PARSE_FILENAME
;
; PURPOSE:
; This function returns a 3 column array of a parsed filename.
; Each column contains the path, filename and extension respectively.
;
; CATEGORY:
; String processing.
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; result = PARSE_FILENAME(Filename)
;
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; INPUTS:
; Filename : a string or array of strings of the complete path and
; extension to a file.
;
;
;
; OUTPUTS:
; This function returns a 3,n string array. the number of rows is
determined
; by the number of elements in the input parameter.
; F = PICKFILE(/READ, FILTER = ['pro', 'dat'])
;
; RESTRICTIONS:
; Directories are divided by a forward slash (/) in UNIX or a
; backslash (\) in WINDOWS or a colon (:) in MACOS.
; Three character file extensions are appended with a dot (.).
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; Written by: Ben Tupper, August, 1999
;
; 26 SEP 99 Increased Dot position by one
; 18 JAN 00 Corrected how the FileName is extracted
; when there is no '.ext'
;-

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FUNCTION parse_filename, filelist

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OS = StrLowerCase( !version.os_family)

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case os of

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'unix': separator = '/'
'windows': separator = '\'
'macos': separator = ':'

```

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endcase

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n = n_elements(filelist) ; get the number of files that qualify
If n LT 1 Then Return,-1

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slash = rstrpos(filelist,separator) +1 ; get the last slash position plus
one
dot = strpos(filelist, '.') ; get the dot position

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len = dot - slash ; calc the length of the name

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parsed = strarr(3,n)

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;get the filename
for i = 0,n-1 do $
  If Dot[i] NE -1 Then parsed[1,i] = strmid(filelist[i],slash[i], len[i])
Else $
  Parsed[1,i] = StrMid(filelist[i],slash[i])

len = slash ;get the path
for i = 0,n-1 do parsed[0,i] = strmid(filelist[i],0, len[i])

len = strlen(filelist) - dot-1

; get the extension if it exists
For i = 0,N-1 Do Begin
  If Dot[i] NE -1 Then $
    parsed[2,i] = strmid(filelist[i],dot[i]+1, len[i]) $
  Else $
    parsed[2,i] = Strmid(filelist[i],Slash[i], len[i] - Slash[i])
EndFor

return, parsed

end

```

PRO SORT_Extension

```

Files = FindFile('Macintosh HD:pemaquid:untitled*')
Parsed = Parse_FileName(Files)
Floated = Float(StrTrim(Parsed[2,*],2))
Sorted = Sort(Floated)

For i = 0, N_elements(Files)-1 Do Begin
  Print, Files[i] + 'has extension ' + Parsed[2,i]
  Print, 'Which is a float value of ', Floated[i]
  Print, 'And is position ', Sorted[i], ' in the file list'
EndFor

END
++++++END

```

Simon de Vet wrote:

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> works, but I don't like it.
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> Any ideas?
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I'd try something like this:

```
IDL> base = 'myfile'  
IDL> ext = '.dat'  
IDL> for j=1,12 do print, base + String(j, Format="(I2.2)") + ext
```

Cheers,

David

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strtrim do remove leading blanks. and it would not be longer to write than
the Format thing.

What i really thought is that the print command should print numbers without
any kind of formatting (means no leading blanks, no cutting out decimals...)
unless the format command is used.

It is a pain to keep on writing that strtrim stuff...
And when i need formatted print i actually use the format keyword.

That's one other wish for me. Although i know it won't be wellcomed because
of back compatibility

Greetings

Luis Alonso
