Subject: FILE_TEST unreadable report
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I've recently had the problem that FILE_TEST reports a file unreadable, even though every other indication is that it is. Has anybody else seen this kind of behaviour for FILE_TEST?

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IDL> file = DIALOG_PICKFILE()
IDL> print, file
/some/dir/file.xx
IDL> print, FILE_TEST(file)
       1
IDL> print, FILE_TEST(file, /REGULAR)
       1
IDL> print, FILE_TEST(file, /REGULAR, /READ)
       0
```

And yet

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IDL> xdisplayfile, file
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shows the contents of the file.

The pathname does contain some symbolic links.

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