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Subject: Re: FINDFILE - how many files can it find?  
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Tue, 13 May 2003 13:57:11 GMT  
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In article <ec4d41a4.0305130222.46bca8d7@posting.google.com>,  
mfeldt@mpia.de (mfeldt) wrote:

> And does anybody know how to find, say, 10k files??

Try FILE\_SEARCH.

"Research Systems strongly recommends the use of the FILE\_SEARCH function in place of the FINDFILE function. FILE\_SEARCH is more platform-independent, provides greater functionality, and is easier to use than FINDFILE. FILE\_SEARCH is ultimately intended as a replacement for FINDFILE."

Regards, Ken Bowman

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Subject: Re: FINDFILE - how many files can it find?  
Posted by [Timm Weitkamp](#) on Wed, 14 May 2003 07:41:58 GMT  
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On 13.05.03 at 08:57 -0500, Kenneth P. Bowman wrote:

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Yes. And if you (like me) only have access to IDL 5.4 or lower, which don't yet have the FILE\_SEARCH function, see the previous discussions on FINDFILE in this group. You'll find lots of threads with a Google groups search for "findfile", including explanations why FINDFILE won't find large numbers of files on some Unix systems, and workarounds for that problem (which usually use the Unix "find" command).

Cheers,  
Timm

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