
Subject: Another file_search problem

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Hi all

Just another file_search / Windows problem that I came across and I thought I'd warn people about. It seems that Windows (XP with NTFS at least) ignores trailing dots on a directory, and for most cases ignores them when performing file operations.

So if you create a directory called "C:\TES.T.\" and put a file called "test.txt" in there, then the following functions are equivalent and work just fine

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openr, u, 'C:\TES.T\test.txt', /get_lun
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```
openr, u, 'C:\TES.T\text.txt', /get_lun
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as do read_image, etc.

Unfortunately, file_search("C:\TES.T.*") returns nothing, while file_search("C:\TES.T*") is OK. However, (as usual when file_search fails you), findfile("C:\TES.T.*") and findfile("C:\TES.T*") both work.

Oh, and just to make the problem a bit more obscure, you need the 1st dot (located between the "S" and the "T" in this example) for this to work...

Cheers,
Jacques
