
Subject: Re: IDL batch indexing

Posted by [rkombiyil](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 07:06:00 GMT

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 08:38:52 GMT
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names[0] is the first file
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cheers
Reimar

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Posted by [fergason](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 12:49:06 GMT
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Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 15:16:12 GMT
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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 17:39:24 GMT

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help,struct,/str
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IDL> example

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Well, Reimar is right. I have never used file_search, I always make rather heavy use spawn along with the *inx "find" command for such needs. I thought of it only as a programming error, in the sense 'b' can be defined based on 'numfiles'. Anyway, my mistake, names is already an array, heh..

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