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Subject: FINDFILE problems IDL 8 LINUX

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2011 15:59:11 GMT

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Any ideas?

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Subject: Re: FINDFILE problems IDL 8 LINUX

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 19 Jan 2011 07:20:34 GMT

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I don't get the traceback.

Hmm, isn't findfile deprecated?

findfile has some limitations if you have lots of files in a directory.

file\_search() and file\_which() may be the better choice

Cheers

Reimar

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