
Subject: Setting a variable to the name of the folder it is in two steps up..

Posted by [Jake Haslemann](#) on Tue, 19 Jan 2016 03:21:10 GMT

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and my idl code is located in p45...

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Subject: Re: Setting a variable to the name of the folder it is in two steps up..

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Tue, 19 Jan 2016 05:21:35 GMT

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On Monday, January 18, 2016 at 8:21:15 PM UTC-7, Jake Haslemann wrote:

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Take a look at the docs for the functions ROUTINE_FILEPATH and STRSPLIT, for example, http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/routine_filepath.html.

Jim P.
