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Posted by [Markus Schmassmann](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2016 15:25:21 GMT

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Subject: Re: something faster than file\_search ?

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2016 17:13:47 GMT

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You could use David Fanning's listfiles.pro

[http://www.idlcoyote.com/code\\_tips/fastsearch.php](http://www.idlcoyote.com/code_tips/fastsearch.php)

Last year I wrote a plea for Harris Geospatial to improve the performance of file\_search() on Windows machines... ---Wayne

[https://groups.google.com/forum/#!search/file\\_search\\$20wayne  
/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/ABttLQ5NHHU/xgSFcodk4N0J](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!search/file_search$20wayne/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/ABttLQ5NHHU/xgSFcodk4N0J)

On Monday, September 26, 2016 at 11:25:23 AM UTC-4, Markus Schmassmann wrote:

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