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Posted by [morph account](#) on Tue, 21 Jul 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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This is a known problem that is explained nicely on David Fanning's web page.

Look at: http://www.dfanning.com/idl5_info/long_filenames.html.

We recently upgraded to Solaris 2.6, but the problem still exists.
I assumed the new version would implement the appropriate patches.
Has anyone else had this problem?

Steve Hartmann

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Apparently it is a problem with Sun, not idl. RSI suggested installing patches 103461 and 103186. This makes sense because the same version of idl running on a sgi didn't have the problem.

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Yeah, I tried something simalar, only the paths are too long. The idl code I am working on is part of a production system used for verification, and most of the paths to the existing data are too long. I would need another monitor :) Thanks for your advice, I think I will look at hacking pickfile.pro to remove the paths.

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