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I/O Bugs: special characters

Bugs

1. Problems with parsing the names of the files with special characters.

Sherpa will not correctly parse the following:

sherpa> read data " filename.dat"

because of the extra space within the quotes.

2. Certain characters should be avoided in directory names and filenames as they can cause problems in *I/O*.

Often problems can be avoided by using double quotes when using "special" characters.

The standard set (defined as special by most operating systems) of "special" characters is:

& () [] ; | * ? ' " ` \$ < > ; { } ^ # / \ (space character)

Sherpa has additional restrictions on the use of the following:



Sherpa is known to crash when trying to write files whose names contain:

() & |

Sherpa will not function properly if the directory path contains the following:



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