

## darktable - Bug #12098

### multiple file export with \$(TITLE) creates unneeded subdirectory if an earlier file doesn't have title

03/26/2018 11:58 PM - Dan Torop

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<b>Assignee:</b>		<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Category:</b>	Lighttable	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	2.6.0		
<b>Affected Version:</b>	git master branch	<b>bitness:</b>	64-bit
<b>System:</b>	Debian	<b>hardware architecture:</b>	amd64/x86

#### Description

##### STEPS TO REPRODUCE

- In lighttable, select a file, say DSCF0013.RAF, and set its title to blank in the metadata editor.
- Select a second file, whose filename comes later in the alphabet, say DSCF0150.RAF, and set its title to "test" in the metadata editor
- In export, target "file on disk", with filename /tmp/\$(TITLE), file format JPEG
- Select DSCF0013.RAF and DSCF0150.RAF files
- Click export

##### EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

Two files created: /tmp/DSCF0013.jpg and /tmp/test.jpg.

##### ACTUAL BEHAVIOR

Two files are created, /tmp/DSCF0013.jpg and /tmp/test/DSCF00150.jpg. The subdirectory /tmp/test is created if it didn't already exist.

Output to console:

```
[export_job] exported to `/tmp//DSCF0013.jpg'  
[export_job] exported to `/tmp/test/DSCF0150.jpg'
```

#### Associated revisions

##### Revision 33aceabe - 04/03/2018 07:37 PM - Dan Torop

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##### Revision 6963898a - 04/23/2018 02:24 AM - Dan Torop

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(cherry picked from commit 33aceabefdfd37589d96d8cfa4a8c6599c2eb751)

## History

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### #1 - 04/03/2018 05:24 PM - Dan Torop

This from [ad3bb1ce0](#) looks suspicious:

```
modified   src/imageio/storage/disk.c
@@ -240,68 +240,47 @@
```

```
    // if filenamepattern is a directory just add ${FILE_NAME} as default..
    char last_char = *(filename + strlen(filename) - 1);
-   if(g_file_test(filename, G_FILE_TEST_IS_DIR) && (last_char == '/' || last_char == '\\'))
+   if(last_char == '/' || last_char == '\\')
    {
-       snprintf(d->filename, sizeof(d->filename), "%s/${FILE_NAME}", original_filename);
+       snprintf(d->filename, sizeof(d->filename), "%s" G_DIR_SEPARATOR_S "${FILE_NAME}", original_filename);
        goto try_again;
    }
```

I'm not sure why the g\_file\_test() was dropped. That commit was around the date I started seeing this. Alternately [f542de1f3](#) touched a lot of code, but hard to imagine the problem lurked that long. I haven't tried git bisect.

The problem here is that when exporting a lot of files with the pattern DIR/\${TITLE} when some are untitled, the titled ones end up written as DIR/\${TITLE}/\${FILE\_NAME} and the untitled ones written as DIR/\${FILE\_NAME}. Prior (and preferable, I think) behavior was be for the titled ones to end up in DIR/\${TITLE} and untitled in DIR/\${FILE\_NAME}.

## #2 - 04/03/2018 06:37 PM - Dan Torop

Here is what seems to be going on:

- `dt_variables_expand()` will generate a filename ending a slash for patterns with no title (e.g. `/tmp/${TITLE}`)
- then `disk.c:store()` appends the filename (e.g. creating a pattern `/tmp/${TITLE}/${FILE_NAME}`), which is a bit awkward, but works)
- but `store()` alters the pattern in `d->filename`, which changes the pattern for all future invocations of `store()` by `dt_control_export_job_run()`.

The fix could be to make a copy of the `d->filename` pattern in `store()`, and only alter that. I'll try this out.

This is still a bit ad hoc. For example, if the pattern is `/tmp/foo-${TITLE}`, then there is no fallback to using `$(FILE_NAME)`. Untitled files just get written to `/tmp/foo-.jpg`, `/tmp/foo-01.jpg`, etc. So the rule seems to be that if the pattern ends in `"/${VAR}"` where `VAR` is empty, then there is a fallback to `$(FILE_NAME)`, but if it ends in `/something-${VAR}-something` where `VAR` is empty, then the images just get written to `soemthing--something` with a sequence #.

## #3 - 04/03/2018 07:51 PM - Dan Torop

Made PR 1666 for this.

## #4 - 04/06/2018 08:52 PM - Tobias Ellinghaus

- % Done changed from 0 to 100
- Status changed from New to Fixed

I agree, the whole thing is a bit messy. I removed the `g_file_test` because it didn't serve any purpose. When we try to export to a folder name it doesn't matter if that folder already exists, it would result in a hidden file inside that folder.

PR merged. Thank you very much.

## #5 - 04/06/2018 09:30 PM - Dan Torop

That makes sense about `g_file_test`. You're welcome, and thanks for reviewing/merging.

I really have no idea if there's a better way to handle this. It depends how people actually use `$(TITLE)` and `$(FILE_NAME)`. The way I use it, it would make a lot of sense that if there were no `TITLE`, that `variables.c:get_base_value()` would just return `FILE_NAME` instead. But I'm sure someone else uses patterns like `"$(FILE_NAME) $(TITLE)"` and absolutely wouldn't want that behavior. At least with PR 1666 things return to a long-standing `dt` behavior.

## #6 - 04/07/2018 01:07 AM - Tobias Ellinghaus

That's more or less why I added the string replacement code to `variables`. If you want `$(TITLE)` to return the file name when there is no title set you can use `$(TITLE-$(FILE_NAME))`.

## #7 - 04/09/2018 10:33 PM - Dan Torop

Oh! I didn't figure that out! Good to know.

I guess this fix is still worth it, as the replacement pattern shouldn't vary depending on which prior file has been processed.

#8 - 04/11/2018 08:56 PM - Roman Lebedev

- Target version set to 2.6.0