

# How do I configure remote file paths when using c-treeACE?

## Question:

With ACUCOBOL I could specify remote name notation in the FILE\_PREFIX. What is the equivalent in isCOBOL?

## Answer:

Unless you specify an absolute path name, file locations are relative to the directory in which you started ctsrvr on the server. Use `iscobol.file_prefix` and `iscobol.file_prefix.separator` to choose different remote directories.

If you set `iscobol.file_prefix` and run on Windows, isCOBOL will append a backslash before the filename. This will produce an error when the server is a Unix machine.

This behavior can be controlled with the `iscobol.file_prefix.separator` variable. If you are accessing files on a Unix machine from Windows you must set `iscobol.file_prefix.separator` to forward slash. For example,

```
iscobol.file_prefix=/usr2/14is/Discobol.file_prefix.separator=/
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