

# fileutil

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The Lazarus **FileUtil** unit contains functions and procedures to maintain compatibility with Delphi's FileUtil unit. File routines that specifically deal with UTF8 file names should go into the [LazFileUtils](#) unit.

## List of functions

```
// file attributes and states
function CompareFileNames(const Filename1, Filename2: string): integer;
inline;
function CompareFileNamesIgnoreCase(const Filename1, Filename2: string):
integer; inline;
function CompareFileNames(const Filename1, Filename2: string; ResolveLinks:
boolean): integer;
function CompareFileNames(Filename1: PChar; Len1: integer; Filename2: PChar;
Len2: integer; ResolveLinks: boolean): integer;
function FilenameIsAbsolute(const TheFilename: string):boolean; inline;
function FilenameIsWinAbsolute(const TheFilename: string):boolean; inline;
function FilenameIsUnixAbsolute(const TheFilename: string):boolean; inline;
procedure CheckIfFileIsExecutable(const AFilename: string); inline;
procedure CheckIfFileIsSymlink(const AFilename: string); inline;
function FileIsReadable(const AFilename: string): boolean; inline;
function FileIsWritable(const AFilename: string): boolean; inline;
function FileIsText(const AFilename: string): boolean; inline;
function FileIsText(const AFilename: string; out FileReadable: boolean):
boolean; inline;
function FileIsExecutable(const AFilename: string): boolean; inline;
function FileIsSymlink(const AFilename: string): boolean; inline;
function FileIsHardLink(const AFilename: string): boolean; inline;
function FileSize(const Filename: string): int64; overload; inline;
function GetFileDescription(const AFilename: string): string; inline;
function ReadAllLinks(const Filename: string; ExceptionOnError: boolean):
string; // if a link is broken returns ''
function TryReadAllLinks(const Filename: string): string; // if a link is
broken returns Filename
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    // directories
function DirPathExists(const FileName: String): Boolean; inline;
function ForceDirectory(DirectoryName: string): boolean; inline;
function DeleteDirectory(const DirectoryName: string; OnlyChildren:
boolean): boolean;
function ProgramDirectory: string;
function DirectoryIsWritable(const DirectoryName: string): boolean; inline;

    // filename parts
function ExtractFileNameOnly(const AFilename: string): string; inline;
function ExtractFileNameWithoutExt(const AFilename: string): string;
function CompareFileExt(const Filename, Ext: string; CaseSensitive:
boolean): integer; overload; inline;
function CompareFileExt(const Filename, Ext: string): integer; overload;
inline;
function FilenameIsPascalUnit(const Filename: string): boolean;
function AppendPathDelim(const Path: string): string; inline;
function ChompPathDelim(const Path: string): string; inline;
function TrimFilename(const AFilename: string): string; inline;
function CleanAndExpandFilename(const Filename: string): string; inline;
function CleanAndExpandDirectory(const Filename: string): string; inline;
function CreateAbsoluteSearchPath(const SearchPath, BaseDirectory: string):
string;
function CreateRelativePath(const Filename, BaseDirectory: string;
UsePointDirectory: boolean = false; AlwaysRequireSharedBaseFolder: Boolean =
True): string; inline;
function CreateAbsolutePath(const Filename, BaseDirectory: string): string;
function FileIsInPath(const Filename, Path: string): boolean;
function FileIsInDirectory(const Filename, Directory: string): boolean;

// file search
type
    TSearchFileInPathFlag = (
        sffDontSearchInBasePath,
        sffSearchLoUpCase
    );
    TSearchFileInPathFlags = set of TSearchFileInPathFlag;
const
    AllDirectoryEntriesMask = '*';

function GetAllFilesMask: string; inline;
function GetExeExt: string; inline;
function SearchFileInPath(const Filename, BasePath, SearchPath, Delimiter:

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string; Flags: TSearchFileInPathFlags): string;
function SearchAllFilesInPath(const Filename, BasePath, SearchPath,
Delimiter: string; Flags: TSearchFileInPathFlags): TStrings;
function FindDiskFilename(const Filename: string): string;
function FindDiskFileCaseInsensitive(const Filename: string): string;
function FindDefaultExecutablePath(const Executable: string; const BaseDir:
string = ''): string;

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type

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TFileIterator = class

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private

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    FPath: String;

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    FLevel: Integer;

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    FFileInfo: TSearchRec;

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    FSearching: Boolean;

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    function GetFileName: String;

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public

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    procedure Stop;

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    function IsDirectory: Boolean;

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public

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    property FileName: String read GetFileName;

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    property FileInfo: TSearchRec read FFileInfo;

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    property Level: Integer read FLevel;

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    property Path: String read FPath;

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    property Searching: Boolean read FSearching;

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end;

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TFileFoundEvent = procedure (FileIterator: TFileIterator) of object;

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TDirectoryFoundEvent = procedure (FileIterator: TFileIterator) of object;

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TDirectoryEnterEvent = procedure (FileIterator: TFileIterator) of object;

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TFileSearcher = class(TFileIterator)

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private

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    FMaskSeparator: char;

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    FFollowSymLink: Boolean;

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    FOnFileFound: TFileFoundEvent;

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    FOnDirectoryFound: TDirectoryFoundEvent;

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    FOnDirectoryEnter: TDirectoryEnterEvent;

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    FFileAttribute: Word;

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    FDirectoryAttribute: Word;

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    procedure RaiseSearchingError;

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protected

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    procedure DoDirectoryEnter; virtual;

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    procedure DoDirectoryFound; virtual;

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    procedure DoFileFound; virtual;
public
    constructor Create;
    procedure Search(const ASearchPath: String; ASearchMask: String = '';
        ASearchSubDirs: Boolean = True; CaseSensitive: Boolean = False);
public
    property MaskSeparator: char read FMaskSeparator write FMaskSeparator;
    property FollowSymLink: Boolean read FFollowSymLink write FFollowSymLink;
    property FileAttribute: Word read FFileAttribute write FFileAttribute
default faAnyfile;
    property DirectoryAttribute: Word read FDirectoryAttribute write
FDirectoryAttribute default faDirectory;
    property OnDirectoryFound: TDirectoryFoundEvent read FOnDirectoryFound
write FOnDirectoryFound;
    property OnFileFound: TFileFoundEvent read FOnFileFound write
FOnFileFound;
    property OnDirectoryEnter: TDirectoryEnterEvent read FOnDirectoryEnter
write FOnDirectoryEnter;
end;

function [[FindAllFiles]]( const SearchPath: String; SearchMask: String =
''; SearchSubDirs: Boolean = True): TStringList;
function FindAllDirectories(const SearchPath: string; SearchSubDirs:
Boolean = True): TStringList;

// Copy a file or a whole directory tree
function [[CopyFile]](const SrcFilename, DestFilename: string; Flags:
TCopyFileFlags=[cffOverwriteFile]): boolean;
function [[CopyFile]](const SrcFilename, DestFilename: string; PreserveTime:
boolean): boolean;
function CopyDirTree(const SourceDir, TargetDir: string; Flags:
TCopyFileFlags=[]): Boolean;

// file actions
function ReadFileToString(const Filename: string): string;
function GetTempFilename(const Directory, Prefix: string): string; inline;

// basic functions similar to the RTL but working with UTF-8 instead of
the system encoding
// AnsiToUTF8 and UTF8ToAnsi need a widestring manager under Linux, BSD,
MacOSX
// but normally these OS use UTF-8 as system encoding so the
widestringmanager is not needed.
function NeedRTLAnsi: boolean; inline;// true if system encoding is not UTF-

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procedure SetNeedRTLAnsi(NewValue: boolean); inline;
function UTF8ToSys(const s: string): string; inline; // as UTF8ToAnsi but
more independent of widestringmanager
function SysToUTF8(const s: string): string; inline; // as AnsiToUTF8 but
more independent of widestringmanager
function ConsoleToUTF8(const s: string): string; inline; // converts OEM
encoded string to UTF8 (used with some Windows specific functions )
function UTF8ToConsole(const s: string): string; inline; // converts UTF8
string to console encoding (used by Write, WriteLn)

// file operations
function FileExistsUTF8(const Filename: string): boolean; inline;
function FileAgeUTF8(const FileName: string): Longint; inline;
function DirectoryExistsUTF8(const Directory: string): Boolean; inline;
function ExpandFileNameUTF8(const FileName: string): string; inline;
function ExpandUNCFileNameUTF8(const FileName: string): string;
function ExtractShortPathNameUTF8(Const FileName : String) : String;
function FindFirstUTF8(const Path: string; Attr: Longint; out Rslt:
TSearchRec): Longint; inline;
function FindNextUTF8(var Rslt: TSearchRec): Longint; inline;
procedure FindCloseUTF8(var F: TSearchrec); inline;
function FileSetDateUTF8(const FileName: String; Age: Longint): Longint;
inline;
function FileGetAttrUTF8(const FileName: String): Longint; inline;
function FileSetAttrUTF8(const Filename: String; Attr: longint): Longint;
inline;
function DeleteFileUTF8(const FileName: String): Boolean; inline;
function RenameFileUTF8(const OldName, NewName: String): Boolean; inline;
function FileSearchUTF8(const Name, DirList : String; ImplicitCurrentDir :
Boolean = True): String; inline;
function FileIsReadOnlyUTF8(const FileName: String): Boolean; inline;
function GetCurrentDirUTF8: String; inline;
function SetCurrentDirUTF8(const NewDir: String): Boolean; inline;
function CreateDirUTF8(const NewDir: String): Boolean; inline;
function RemoveDirUTF8(const Dir: String): Boolean; inline;
function ForceDirectoriesUTF8(const Dir: string): Boolean; inline;
function FileOpenUTF8(Const FileName : string; Mode : Integer) : THandle;
inline;
function FileCreateUTF8(Const FileName : string) : THandle; overload;
inline;
function FileCreateUTF8(Const FileName : string; Rights: Cardinal) :
THandle; overload; inline;

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// environment
function ParamStrUTF8(Param: Integer): string; inline;
function GetEnvironmentStringUTF8(Index: Integer): string; inline;
function GetEnvironmentVariableUTF8(const EnvVar: string): String; inline;
function GetAppConfigDirUTF8(Global: Boolean; Create: boolean = false):
string; inline;
function GetAppConfigFileUTF8(Global: Boolean; SubDir: boolean = false;
CreateDir: boolean = false): string; inline;

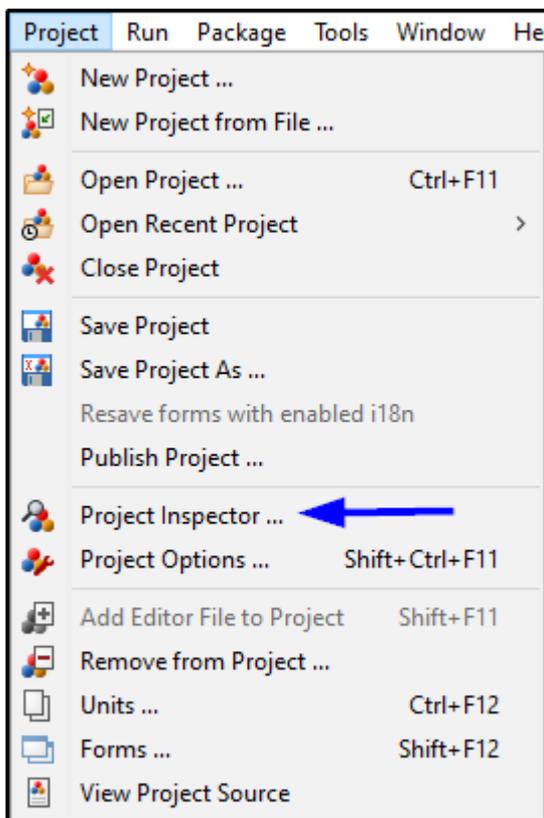
// other
function SysErrorMessageUTF8(ErrorCode: Integer): String; inline;

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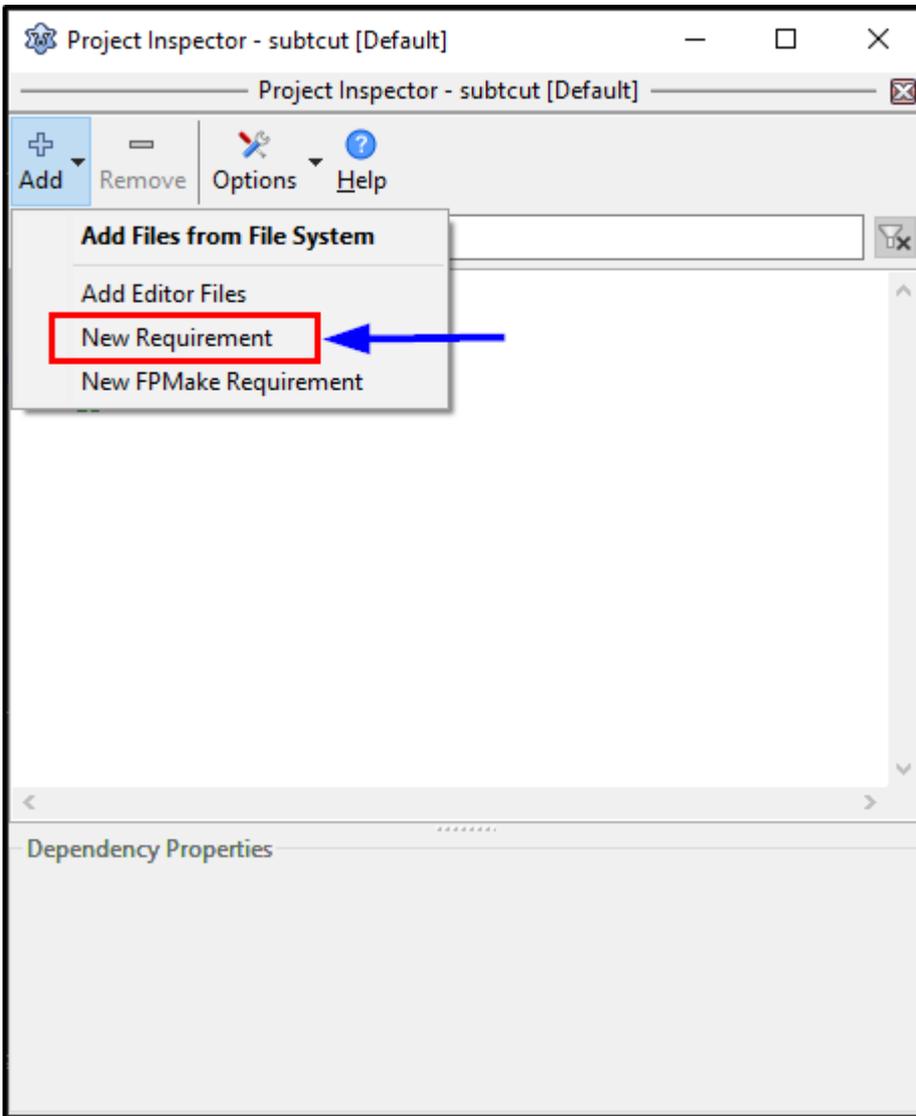
## How to use the unit

To enable FileUtil in a project, just add LazUtils into required package. Follow this steps:

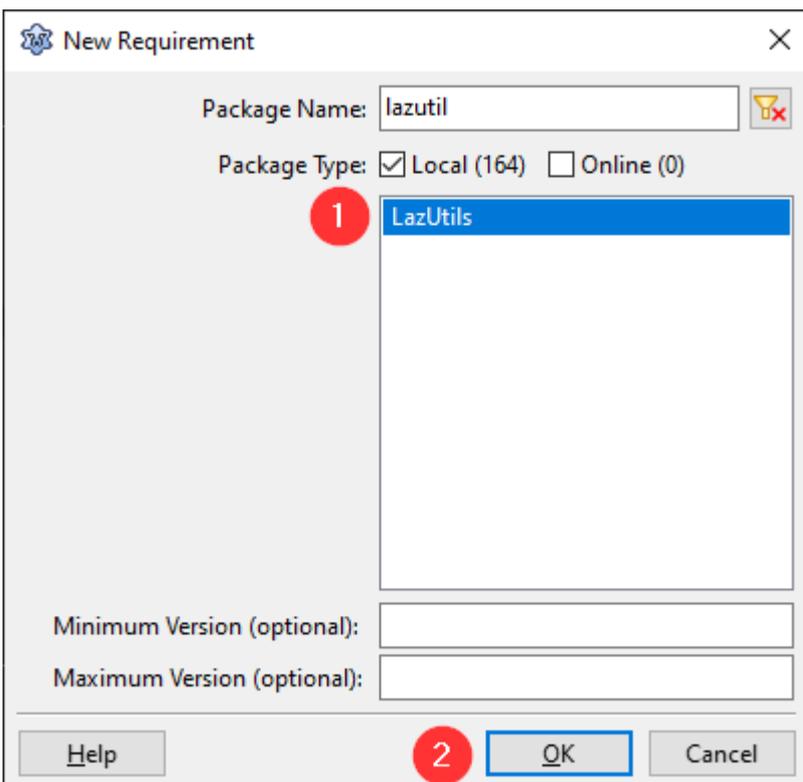
1- Go to Lazarus IDE Menu "Project > Project Inspector".



2- In the "Project Inspector" dialog window, click "Add > New Requirement".



3- In the "New Requirement" dialog window, find LazUtils package then click OK.



4- You can now add *FileUtil* in a *Uses* clause.

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