

InitDir Statement

Description

Prepares for the DirList function, by establishing the default directory and file mask.

Syntax

InitDir *expression*

Parameters

The InitDir statement has the following parameters.

| Parameter | Description |
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| <i>expression</i> | Defines the directory path to the files and specifies the type of files that are to be returned. |

Note: *InitDir may take the operating system wild cards "*" and "?".*

See also

For more information about directory listings and pathnames, refer to your operating system manual. Also, [DirList\(\)](#), [SetInitDirOptions](#)

Example

The following example illustrates how to get a directory listing.

```
/* The program gets the list of all *.DOC files in the C:\HISTORY\DOCS\LETTERS directory into list variable.
It uses InitDir to indicate the directory and DirList() to return the filenames.
Note the use of @FM and Col2() within the brackets. */
drive="C:\HISTORY\DOCS\LETTERS"
InitDir drive : "*.DOC"
loop
  list = DirList()
Until List = ""
  loop
    line = list[1,@FM]
    list[1,Col2()] = ""
  Until list = ""
  repeat
repeat
end
```