

# Did I know where the Novell short file name behavior came from?

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Commenter Yuhong Bao asks, “Do you know that the Novell behavior described in “Not all short filenames contain a tilde” came from HPFS?”

Yes, but it was not relevant to the discussion so I didn’t bother mentioning it. Going into more detail on the history of the Novell “long namespace” would just encourage people to conclude, “This problem affects only Novell, and since I don’t use Novell, I don’t have to worry about this.”

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