

File Input Output



Some wrappers for standard file functions which abort the program if they fail. Useful for writing command-line utilities and small scripts, to avoid just ploughing on when a file function returns `nil`.

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-- Find the length of a file
--   f: file name
-- returns
--   len: length of file
function lenFile(f)
    local h, len
    h = openfile(f, "r")
    len = seek(h, "end")
    closefile(h)
    return len
end

-- Guarded readfrom
--   [f]: file name
function readfrom(f)
    local h, err
    if f then h, err = %readfrom(f)
    else      h, err = %readfrom()
    end
    affirm(h, "can't read from " .. (f or "stdin") .. ": " ..
        (err or ""))
    return h
end

-- Guarded writeto
--   [f]: file name
function writeto(f)
    local h, err
    if f then h, err = %writeto(f)
    else      h, err = %writeto()
    end
    affirm(h, "can't write to " .. (f or "stdout") .. ": " ..
        (err or ""))
    return h
end
```

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-- Guarded dofile
--   [f]: file name
function dofile(f)
    affirm(%dofile(f), "error while executing " .. f)
end

-- Guarded seek
--   f: file handle
--   w: whence to seek
--   o: offset
function seek(f, w, o)
    local ok, err
    if      o then ok, err = %seek(f, w, o)
    elseif w then ok, err = %seek(f, w)
    else        ok, err = %seek(f)
    end
    affirm(ok, "can't seek on " .. f .. ": " .. (err or ""))
end
```

more...

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-- fileExists - return true if file exists and is readable
function fileExists(path)
    local file = openfile(path, "rb")
    if file then closefile(file) end
    return file ~= nil
end
```

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