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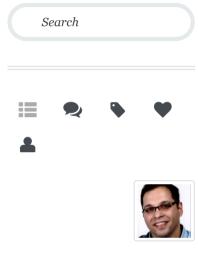


C# tip: Use Path Combine for file or directory path information

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.NET provides in its System.IO namespace the **Path** class which performs operations on String instances that contain **file or directory path information**. These operations are performed in a **cross-platform manner**.

Most of the time we see develoopers writing code like



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```
1 string path = somePath + "\\" + filename;
```

But by using **Path.Combine** we can provide a cross platform path

```
1 string somePath = @"C:\temp";
  string filename = "dat.txt";
  string path = Path.Combine(somePath, filename);
  //produce an output of C:\temp\dat.txt
5
  //linux: C:/temp/dat.txt
   string[] paths = {@"c:\My Music", "2013", "media", "banner"};
   string fullPath = Path.Combine(paths);
10 //output c:\My Music\2013\media\banner
11
12 string path1 = @"C:\Temp";
13 string path2 = "My Music";
14 fullPath = Path.Combine(path1, path2);
15
16 //output: C:\Temp\My Music
17
18 fullPath = Path.Combine(string.Empty, path2);
19 //output: My Music
20
21 fullPath = Path.Combine(path1, string.Empty);
22 //output: C:\Temp
```

By using the **Path** and **Combine** method, one can at least eliminate some of the headache of porting to another platform.

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string myString = System.IO.Path.GetFullPath(Path.Combine(@"C:\aa", @"..\aa\bbb\"));

// Fuller Answer: myString == @"C:\aa\bbb\".

// The final trailing backslash (\) would NOT be in the answer IF the parameter value into .Combine had instead been @"..\aa\bbb".

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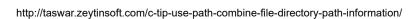


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