
The Long File Name driver (LFN) is a directory device driver that supports file names of up to 72 characters, In an extended file header of 128 bytes.

Note that this driver is intended only to be a proof of concept for further development. And as such, you may find things that don't work as expected, or may crash the system at any time. So beware.

The LFN driver is based on the FDI2 Floppy Disk Image driver. Which itself is based on the device level 3 driver from the SMSQ/E source's. See the instruction manual for the FDI2 driver for details on making and mounting image files. Just replace any FDI's with LFN's e.g. MOUNT_FDI becomes MOUNT_LFN.

The driver attempts, as far as possible, to appear to QDOS and SMSQ/E as a normal device driver with 64 byte file headers, and 36 character filenames.

The extended file name is achieved by having a prefix file path of up to 36 characters, that is added to the start of the normal file name by the device driver on a per job basis.

Adding a path to a job is achieved with the LFN_PATH command

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LFN_PATH [job,tag,]deviceNo,path$      Note - path$ must end in a '_'
deviceNo is the drive number 1-8
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So if you enter LFN_PATH 1,Documents_ into BASIC and do a DIR LFN1_ you will get a directory of LFN1_Documents_

BASIC will think that LFN1_ is the root of a drive and it will be able to use file names of up to 36 characters as normal.

Supplying a job and a tag number will set the paths for that job.

The paths are linked to jobs by a pointer stored in the jobs header at JB.END over writing the BRA that is normally used to start the job. This is a bit of a nasty hack. Ideally the job header should be extended (backwards?) to accommodate the pointer.

Ideally, the EXEC command should be extended to accept supplied paths, or maybe the job should inherit the paths from the creating job.

This means that at the moment you have to start a Job, CTRL-C back to BASIC then do a JOBS command to find the job and tag numbers. Then do a LFN_PATH command to set the required path for the job, Then CTRL-C back to the job.

This means that jobs started with EXEC_W, or try to open files when they are started, May cause problems.

When using file system commands like DIR and WSTAT, the device driver will attempt to convert the 128 byte file header into a normal 64 byte header for the operating system. If the device driver cannot fit the file name into the normal 36 characters, due to no path, or too short a path being set up. Then it will return the first 16 characters, and the last 16 characters of the long file name, with '.....' in the centre to indicate that the file name is invalid.

I have supplied one of my test image files, and here is a brief usage example.

Start the driver with an **LRESPR** command.

Mount the image file, **MOUNT_LFN 1,dos3_sample_img** or wherever you have it

Enter **LFN_PATH 1,ProgramFiles_Editors_Text_QED_**
EXEC LFN1_qed_exe

When QED starts and asks for a filename, CTRL-C back to BASIC

Type **JOBS**, and note the job and tag numbers for QED

Enter **LFN_PATH 9,9,1,ProgramFiles_Editors_Text_QED_** where 9,9 is the job and tag numbers. This sets the QED jobs path.

CTRL-C back to QED and enter **LFN1_qed_help** as the filename

The driver has been developed on QPC2, I have tried it on Qemulator with JS and Minerva ROMS, without success. I think the problem may be more to do with Qemulator, rather than the device driver and QDOS due to the strange effects I saw. However the driver did work with a MultiBASIC in Minerva.

The format of the image files used is slightly different to normal floppy images, to support the extended file headers. And so LFN images and normal floppy images may not be mixed. If you attempt to mix them, the drivers should ignore them. The LFN images use a different disk identifier of QL6A/B rather than the normal QL5A/B

Extended file header format

\$00	long	file length
\$04	byte	file access
\$05	byte	file type
\$06	word	file ID
\$08	word	(new) file attributes - 16 flag bits
\$0A	word	version number
\$0C	long	dataspace
\$10	long	extra information
\$14	word	filename length
\$16	byte*72	(extended) filename
\$5E	long	update date
\$62	long	(new) reference date
\$66	long	backup date
\$6A	long	(new) creation date
\$6E	byte*18	spare
\$80	end	

I have moved some of the parts of the header about, and added some new items. Not all are made use of yet.

Additions-

File attributes - 16 flags for things like Read only, Hidden, etc

Reference date - This was originally specified in QDOS before subdirectories appeared

Creation date - The date the file was created with an OPEN_NEW, or OPEN_OVER
This may have been what the Reference date originally was?

Updated system traps

Trap 3

D0=\$47 IOF.RDHD/FS_HEADR

D2 value of \$80 (128) will return an extended header

D0=\$4C IOF.DATE

D2 values on entry 0-3

0 - update date

1 - reference date

2 - backup date

3 - creation date

Device driver routines altered

This may not be a complete list. I did not initially record changes I made.

Most (but not all) hdr_xxx are changed to xhd_xxx variants

look around the following labels for changes.

dv3_open

dv3_opnb set the channel owner for long filename support

dop_copy length of channel definition increase

dop_prec find path for owner job, set path length in cdb

dop_ccelp (d3c_end-d3c_eof)/4-1,d0

dv3_io

io_shdr or.b #SEC,d3c_setmask+3(a0) altered

iorh_read find path for owner job

iorh_xrd return an extended header

io_date handle extended dates

subroutines

ddl_check	medium	name changed
qde_copy		deal with converting an extended header to a stadared header
qlf_drsfile		updating file header
ddr_bloop	lsr.1	#7,d2 entry number in directory file 6=64 bytes, 7=128 bytes
ddr_eloop	lsr.1	#7,d2 entry number in directory file 6=64 bytes, 7=128 bytes
	add.1	d2,d5 extended header is 128 bytes, so add header length twice
ddr_rhnroot		sub/add 1 from/to d3c_lfnp(a0)
qde_scrumple		file header layout different, so changed all the (a2)+'s
qdm_move		Alter FDI code for saving header and FLID
qdn_afsec		version and file ID no longer next to each other, and creation date

Linkage block

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fdtable          increase from $CA to $10A for longer header buffer
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Channel Definition block

d3c_lfnp	Added, prefix	string length
d3c_name	value	changed
d3c_phend	value	changed
d3c_link	value	changed
d3c_fenum	value	changed
d3c_fentry	value	changed
d3c_end	value	changed
d3c_end4	value	changed

New SuperBASIC commands

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LFN_PATH [job,tag,]deviceno,path$
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job and tag are the job ID to be set. default the current job
deviceno is the LFN device number to set
path$ is the string of the path to set. Max 36 characters with an
underscore ' ' at the end

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