

NAME

ppdefds - defining the pattern directory search order

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <ppsups.h>
```

DESCRIPTION

The searching order for pattern directories may be defined by an application program. The search order is used by the **PPGETPAT(3L)** and **PPOPENPAT(3L)** subroutines of the common patterns package.

Patterns are read from disk directory files. The directories which are searched for the patterns and the order in which the directories are searched can be specified by an application program. To specify the directory search order simply create an array of pointers to strings. Each string represents a directory name (e.g., `/usr/cir/pat`). The first element (zero subscript) in the array points to the name of the first directory to be searched, and the second element points to the second, and so on. The last element in the array has a value equal to **PPLASTDIR** (which is defined in the **ppsups.h** header file). Several directories are available as part of the common pattern package. These directories are defined in the **ppsups.h** header file. The following example should clear up any questions.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ppsups.h>

static PPATDIR dirso[] = { /* directory search order array */
    PPKEYDIR,             /* Pattern keyword directory, "/keypat" */
    PPUSRDIR,            /* present working directory, "." */
    "/type01/pat",
    PPCOMPATDIR,         /* Common pattern directory, "/compat" */
    PPUSRPATDIR,         /* User Common pat directory, "/usr/pat" */
    PPLASTDIR           /* End of Directory Search Array */
};

main()
{
    extern PPATDIR dirso[];

    FILE *patstream;      /* pointer to pattern stream */
    int patfdes;          /* pattern file descriptor */

    patstream = ppfopenpat("name", PPSTDFRMT, dirso);

        /* or */

    patfdes = ppopenpat("name", PPSTDFRMT, dirso);
    .
    .
    .
}
```

In the above part of a program, **ppopenpat(3L)** and **ppfopenpat()** would attempt to open the following files in the following order:

```
/keypat/name.p  
name.p  
/type01/pat/name.p  
/compat/name.p  
/usr/pat/name.p
```

SEE ALSO

ppgetpat(3L), ppopenpat(3L), ppsccsgp(3L), ppdftdso(3L)