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## A/UX: NFS Not a directory Message (9/94)

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TOPIC -----

I have some problems with an nfs configuration. Here is what happens:

```
#mount
/dev/dsk/c5d0s0 on / type 5.2 (rw,noquota)

#ls -la /udd/halles
total 2
drwxrwxrwx  2 root    root        32 Jan 12 06:40 ./
drwxrwxrwx  6 root    root        96 Jan 12 06:40 ../

#mount ilog:/udd/halles /udd/halles
#mount
/dev/dsk/c5d0s0 on / type 5.2 (rw,noquota)
ilog:/udd/halles on /udd/halles type nfs (rw)
```

To prove the exchange of information, the command df:

```
#df
/                /dev/dsk/c5d0s0      7064 blocks    9443 i-nodes
/udd/halles ilog:/udd/halles      1514 blocks     0 i-nodes
```

It runs, and ls runs, too (the permissions are the remote permissions).

```
#ls -l /udd
drwxrwxrwx  6 root    root        96 Jan 12 06:40 ./
drwxr-xr-x 17 root    root       720 Jan 12 07:17 ../
drwxrwxrwx  2 root    root        32 Jan 12 06:40 chatelet/
drwxrwxrwx  2 root    root        32 Jan 12 06:40 cite/
drwxr-xr-x 61 root    ilog      1536 Jul  3 1989 halles/
```

Now the problem:

```
#cd /udd/halles
/udd/halles : Not a directory
```

I run a command like `ls /udd/halles`, and I get a list of the subdirectory with the error message: `<dir> : Not a directory.`

DISCUSSION -----

As you described, there doesn't seem to be anything wrong on your local NFS client side. However, from the error message "Not a directory", it sounds like the REMOTE NFS server exported filesystem or directory, /udd/halles in this case, is not a directory type.

Check the spelling of the exported directories on the remote NFS server; both the exported entries in the "/etc/exports" file and the actual filesystem object MUST be a directories. After checking the spelling from the remote NFS server, at the local NFS client do "/etc/umount /udd/halles", and try the NFS mount command again.

Also the "showmount [a] [d] [e] [host]" is a nice tool for NFS to display things like directories that have been mounted by clients, the list of exported filesystems from the server, and so on. See showmount (1M) for details.

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