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Two features bother me - coverage and misidentification.

Firstly, file names with spaces seem not to be catered for in any natural fashion. The file names <ir .tmp> and <ir%20.tmp> are two different file names. When I want Outlook to create a hyperlink to a file, I normally write something like <file://G:\Pegasus\Study Results\a2345.doc>. The convention of using <…> to bound an IRI with embedded spaces does not appear to be catered for.

Secondly, embedded full stops do not only occur in file names. There are three common usages. The first example is decimal numbers. Secondly, in Egyptology, the components of transliterated words may be split off by full stops. I've seen other linguistic uses of full stops for segmentation, but not so widely used. Thirdly, ASCIIfied Indic transcriptions tend to use embedded fullstops to represent the dots below, e.g. Kr.s.n.a for Krishna.

If the ordering of file names written in a left-to-right script is to continue to be left-to-right, then the first and third examples only present problems if special formatting is applied to plain text that looks like file names. I don't know whether the splitting of words by full stops occurs in linguistic works in right-to-left scripts.

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