
Subject: How do I get IDL to see that my procedure exists?
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I'm a relative newbie at IDL so please bear with me...

I wrote an IDL procedure to do what I want. I put it in a directory called /usr/users/Bowler/idl and called it anyData.pro. The first line of the file is

```
PRO anyData, file, inbounds
```

and it ends with an END. When I open the file in IDLDE and call it, it works fine. Now I want to do from the IDL (rather than IDLDE) prompt, so I do the following

```
IDL> !path = !path + ":/usr/users/Bowler/idl"
IDL> print, !path
{the path does, indeed, include my directory}
IDL> anyData, "data.xxx", inbounds
```

and it says

```
% Attempt to call undefined procedure/function: 'ANYDATA'.
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

Why??? This is 5.0.2 on a Sparc 5 running Solaris 2.5.1.

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