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Subject: Routine\_info bug in 5.2  
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There appears to be a glitch in the handling of non-existing routine calls. Try the following:

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IDL> doesnt_exist
% Attempt to call undefined procedure/function: 'DOESNT_EXIST'.
IDL> print,routine_info()
$MAIN$ ..... DOESNT_EXIST .....
```

This is causing a bit of a headache in some of my routines which attempt to write and compile routines on the fly. To speed things up, the routines will skip the process if the routine is already compiled (showing up in the routine\_info() list).

Of what use is the routine\_info function, if it will in fact report any misspelled routine as "compiled"? Huh.

I guess I'll have to keep my own list in a COMMON block...sigh.

Regards,

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