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Subject: Re: How to link IDL files  
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David Fanning wrote:

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> <snip>  
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> There  
> should really never be any reason at all to hand compile  
> programs before they are used if your files are structured  
> and named correctly.

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You shouldn't ever need to hand compile files, but you might want  
to "include" them in your current program using something like:

```
@setarray_utils.pro      ; Compiles file
```

In this case "setarray\_utils.pro" is a collection of functions that  
I want to group together because they have a common purpose, and I  
don't necessarily want all it's routines cluttering up my directory  
as separate files.

If you use this, you can easily compile all routines that are in another  
file and then call them. Used this way, the routines you call don't  
necessarily have to be in a file having the same name.

Dave

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