Maybe, I should say more. This is what I did.

Added to .cshrc file:

setenv idl_startup .idl_startup_grady.pro

Invented .idl_startup_grady.pro with these lines:

!path=!path+":/<my idl libraries path>"
end

Then, I sourced .cshrc ("source .cshrc") and ran IDL.
To check, i type this while in IDL:

print,!path

The added path was not there. :-(

(remove MMER and ZOOKS to reply by e-mail.)

Grady Daub wrote:

> I'm trying to get the path that IDL searches to include the directory where I keep
> my personal IDL libraries. The IDL manuals say to write a program that sets the
> !path variable and then, use SETENV to set "idl_startup" to the name of the IDL
> program just written for changing !path. The problem is, the !path changer file
> isn't run
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> Like this
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> 1.pico .cshrc
> 2.add "setenv idl_startup <name of IDL program to execute at start-up>"
> 3.create IDL progam to execute.
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> Am I missing something?