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Subject: Re: Which like command for IDL?  
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JD Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> writes:

> I hate to be a one tune band,

It's alright. It's a good note!

[...]

>  
> For one, it doesn't need IDL! It uses it's own notion of IDL builtins,  
> system library files (the ones in !DIR/lib), and the user catalog it  
> scanned. If IDL is running in the shell, it also queries it for all  
> routine info. Since I've scanned into my catalog almost everything on  
> !PATH (IDLWAVE makes it trivial)

I just went and got the helpfile and then scanned my installation  
into my catalog.

Man, you and Carsten are \*wizards\*.

To paraphrase and line from a nutshell book:

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from well  
written emacs lisp package!"

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