
Subject: Re: how to set path?

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howdy!

you can append additional directory names to the !Path system variable like so:

```
dir_name1 = '~/prog/idl'
dir_name2 = '~/arcsym/tools/idl'
```

```
!Path = dir_name1 + ':' + !Path
!Path = dir_name2 + ':' + !Path
```

the IDL documentation says though that !Path only works for .pro files, etc.

for data files, i generally prefer specifying a string variable that has the entire path in it, and appending it to the filename, like:

```
pathname = '/users/johnny/datafile'
filename = 'foo.dat'
fullname = pathname + '/' + filename
```

maybe someone else has help on specifying paths for data files.

best,
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> Hi, I'd like to know how to set path in IDL. For example, my idl program is
> in some directory. In the program, some datafile will be input. If I don't
> set whole path including the directory, there is a fault indicating that the
> data file cannot be found in rs\idl. I hope that all the file in the same
> directory as idl program will not indicate whole path. How to do that? thanks!
