
Subject: Routine to locate .PRO file?

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When one types (say) ".run,aprocedure" at the IDL command prompt, IDL searches the current directory, then the directories in the !PATH system variable, for a file with the name aprocedure.pro (under DOS, aprocdu.pro) and compiles it. My question, is there a function that will return the name (complete with directory specification) of that file? Or will I have to write one?

I know that in the IDL Astronomy Library there is a procedure called GETPRO that claims to locate the .pro file as above and copy it to the current directory. So it looks like that could be modified to do what I want. But it doesn't seem to handle the DOS 8-character limitation.

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