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Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?

Posted by [Xiangyun Qiu](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2001 01:03:46 GMT

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Craig Markwardt wrote:

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> David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> writes:
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>> Xiangyun Qiu (qiuxiang@msu.edu) writes:
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>>> Let's suppose we put several identical "test.sav" files in different
>>> directories, all these
>>> directly are included in IDL searching path, but we have no idea about
>>> their order.
>>>
>>> If we fire up 'IDL', and execute "test", is there an easy way to know
>>> which 'test.sav' IDL
>>> first found and execute?
>>
>> IDL> Help, /Source
>
> The ability for HELP to give the path to a SAVE file appears in IDL
> 5.3. Before that the source name appears blank.
>
> If you want to predict ahead of time which "test.sav" will be used,
> you should know they are searched in they order they appear in !PATH.
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> Craig
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> Craig B. Markwardt, Ph.D.      EMAIL:  craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu
> Astrophysics, IDL, Finance, Derivatives | Remove "net" for better response
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I also tried using help, /source\_files ( this is my first time using  
procedure <help> :-( )  
it is more convenient, however the IDL documentation doesn't recommend  
extracting  
information as variables from the output. It's very handy for sure!

Thanks all,

Xiangyun

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## File Attachments

1) [qiuxiang.vcf](#), downloaded 141 times

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