
Subject: Re: System Variable Behavior Changed in IDL 6.0

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Michael Wallace <mwallace.removethismunge@swri.edu.invalid> wrote in message news:<105117jad48891b@corp.supernews.com>...

> In this case, you still have the issue of what IDL_PATH is set to. If
> left unset, the soft links solution you suggest will work. IDL will
> automagically determine the correct lib directory to use.

Try using <IDL_DEFAULT> inside your IDL_PATH environment variable like this:

csh:

```
setenv IDL_PATH "<IDL_DEFAULT>:+/foo/idllib"
```

bash:

```
export IDL_PATH="<IDL_DEFAULT>:+/foo/idllib"
```

IDL expands IDL_DEFAULT into the right lib directory based on which version of IDL you are running. This way you don't have to change IDL_PATH if you switch to running a different version of IDL.

Corey
