
Subject: Re: System Variable Behavior Changed in IDL 6.0
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> Alternatively, one can just use environment variables:

I knew there was an easier way!! Maybe trying to read the External Development Guide today has made me think that everything must be hard!

```
> -----  
> setenv IDL_DIR /usr/local/rsi/idl_6.0  
> #setenv IDL_DIR /usr/local/rsi/idl_5.6  
>  
> setenv LM_LICENSE_FILE $IDL_DIR/license/license.dat  
> setenv IDL_PATH +$IDL_DIR/lib:+$HOME/idl  
> -----
```

Typically, the license directory is under \$RSI_DIR, not \$IDL_DIR. Also, make sure that your \$PATH is updated also so that the correct executables are called.

For csh and equivalent:

```
setenv RSI_DIR /usr/local/rsi  
setenv IDL_DIR $RSI_DIR/idl_6.0 # or idl_5.6
```

```
setenv LM_LICENSE_FILE $RSI_DIR/license/license.dat  
setenv IDL_PATH +$IDL_DIR/lib  
setenv PATH $PATH:$IDL_DIR/bin
```
