
Subject: Re: library and online help
Posted by [savoie](#) on Wed, 07 Apr 2004 14:55:55 GMT
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Steve.Morris@libero.it (Steve) writes:

> Hi all,
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> how can I add an IDL library (taken somewhere from the web) to the
> standard path of my IDL distribution, so that each time I call a
> procedure/function that is in the library, IDL automatically finds it?
> Do I have to put such library in some directory? where? (I use linux).

put something like this in your startup file, (or type on the command line).

```
!path = !path + "+full/path/to/fanning/programs:"
```

The '+' means include all subdirectories under this one. And now that I've started answering this, I'm not sure I know the whole answer. In my startup I also have the following line, which may do the expansion of all the subdirectories.

```
!path = expand_path(!path)
```

All I know for sure is you can't go wrong if you put fanning's libs in your path. :)

> Just a drop. I have got the new IDL version, but the "old" online help
> doesn't work anymore :-(Is it right???
> Only that nasty and NON user-friendly Acrobat manual ...

Yes, just that nasty manual unless you use idlwave, and Emacs mode for IDL.
see idlwave.org.

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