
Subject: Re: IDL environment

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Tue, 28 Dec 2004 11:03:49 GMT

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judy wrote:

> I am a newbie to IDL and looking for information for setting up the
> environment. I did create the ~/idl_startup.pro file to set the
> graphics to true_color=24, also added a directory to the path. I would
> also like to change the idl prompt from something like,
>
> /home/judy/idl>
>
> and have the prompt update to always display the current working
> directory. I have experimented with the !prompt variable, could
> probably create a alias cd.pro program to update the variable every
> time the directory changes, just thought I would ask this group first.
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> I am currently using,
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> IDL = Student Edition 6.0.3 (linux x86 m32)
> OS = SuSE 9.0
> Shell= tcsh
>
> Thanks,
> Judy

Dear Judy

from all the experience I have it is better to diable in preferences "Change directory on open". On windows this may be useful but on *nix you are able to start idl(de) [emacs] from the directory where your code is.

It is better to stay always in your directory. Otherwise if some routine does not work as supposed your are caught in the directory where the routine is from - probably with no write permission.

cheers

Reimar

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html
