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Subject: Re: IDL environment

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> I think \$pwd will tell you the directory from which you started your IDL  
> session. If you did a 'cd /some/where' later in IDL, \$pwd won't tell you  
> the current IDL working directory.  
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Nope. Take a look at this.

```
$ pwd
/home/me
$ idl
IDL> $pwd
/home/me
IDL> cd, 'graphics'
IDL> $pwd
/home/me/graphics
```

When you exit IDL, you will be returned to the directory where you originally started IDL, not the directory you've moved to. Notice I'm using the IDL command "CD", not the command line "cd".

-Mike

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