
Subject: Re: IDL environment

Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Tue, 04 Jan 2005 19:14:30 GMT

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Michael Wallace wrote:

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>> PRO PWD
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>>   CD, Current=thisDir
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>>   PRINT, thisDir
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>> END
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> Maybe I'm missing something, which I usually do, but wouldn't you just
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> need a single command?
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> IDL> $pwd
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> /the/current/working/directory
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> I use the shell escape ($) when I need to do something quick with the
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> file system. I use $ls, $pwd and $vi (!!) all the time it seems. Of
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> course, this is only useful for ad hoc IDL from the prompt, but that is
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> what the original poster was asking about, no?
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> -Mike
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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.

Benjamin
