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Subject: Re: Compile or not compile?

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Nuno Oliveira wrote:

- > There's something that sometimes in while it bores me a little bit. How
- > do I know if I need to compile a function/procedure or it will be able
- > to compile "on fly".
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- > At the beginning I thought this was related to the paths idl "knew", but
- > this happens for two functions/routines in the same directory.
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- > Can someone tell when a function can be runned without be compile?

When the directory containing the function is in your IDL\_PATH environmental variable and the name of the file is the same as the name of the function within it. If you have a function "foo", it must be in a file called "foo.pro" in order for IDL to find it automatically.

-Mike

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