
Subject: Re: 6.1 vs. previous: runtime changes working directory

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hradilv wrote:

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> I typically deploy programs by creating a .sav file then using a
> shell-script to run: idl -rt=/usr/local/idlsavs/whatever.sav
>
> In the main program in the sav file, I check to see if the user started
> idl from within our "data" directory hierarchy, something like:
>
> cd, current=cwd
> if strpos(cwd,datadirpath) ge 0 then fpath=cwd else fpath=datadirpath
>
> Then I can use this info for my dialog_pickfile:
>
> fname = dialog_pickfile(path=fpath)
>
> And the user doesn't have to navigate through multiple layers of
> subdirectories, just to get to where he started.
>
> In previous versions of idl (oh, say 5.4 - 6.0?) this worked fine.
> I've just now recompiled in 6.1 and despite starting the program from
> within the datadirpath hierarchy, the "cd, current=cwd" sets cwd to be
> the directory where the sav file is ("/usr/local/idlsavs" in the
> example above)
>
> So, what's my question?
> 1. Is there a cl flag for idl that will set a working directory - if I
> were using Windoze, perhaps I could set "Start in:", but, alas I'm
> using Solaris.
> 2. Is this a feature? If so, why?
>
> TIA
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A simple workaround could be to set a link of the idl sav program to the data dir.

cheers
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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html
