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Subject: Re: Emacs+IDLWAVE problems  
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Tue, 10 May 2005 17:37:47 GMT  
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On Tue, 10 May 2005 12:00:41 +0200, Antonio Santiago wrote:

> Hi group,  
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> I have a little problem with my idlwave-mode.  
> I have defined on my .bashrc and .bash\_profile file the IDL\_PATH  
> environment variable to point IDL directories and another personal  
> directory with some routines.  
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> The problem is:  
> - If I open a GNOME-terminal and execute emacs (into X) then all is ok.  
> I can execute the programs that execute my personal routines.  
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> - If I execute Emcas directly from a launcher icon the !PATH variable  
> not contains my personal directory.  
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> Any idea, thanks.  
> Antonio.  
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> PS: I find other old messages but any resolve this little problem. Also  
> if I execute:  
>  
> IDL> print, getenv('IDL\_PATH')

This is a common problem (e.g. under OSX too). Probably you should put your IDL stuff in your .login file, and log out/in, which will cause your entire GNOME session to inherit that environment. I put:

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source $HOME/.idl_setup # get idl aliases
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in .login, and put all relevant variables in that file.

JD

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