
Subject: Re: alias in idl

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Koh Leong Tah wrote:

> hi all,
> i have a directory which I happen to restore structures on pretty often
> and i was wondering if there's a way to have a shortcut name to that
> directory that i can setup, maybe in .idlinit?
> thanks,
> kl
>

If I understand it right, you want to CD to a certain directory without typing the full directory name all the time. You could

1. Assign the full path to a string variable in your IDL startup file

```
mydir = '/very/long/full/path/to/dir'
```

Then you can just do

```
IDL> cd, mydir
```

2. Write a procedure

```
PRO cdmydir
```

```
    cd, '/very/long/full/path/to/dir'
```

```
END
```

and then do

```
IDL> cdmydir
```

whenever you need it.

Cheers,
Benjamin
