
Subject: Re: alias in idl

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Tue, 17 May 2005 16:38:47 GMT

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> Koh Leong Tah wrote:

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> 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

All the other suggestions are good. I'd just mention that I find it quite helpful to have a "configuration" object, with methods such as "get_datadir", "cd_datadir", "get_workingdir", "cd_workingdir", "get_winddatadir", "get_tempdatadir", etc.

so that the code is always the same, and if you change directory structure (such as switching between windows and linux) then the only place you need make changes is in the configuration file.

In fact, I do a "computer name" check, and return the appropriate path. Of course, in IDL, it is just as easy to make a procedure (and perhaps have keywords instead of methods.

Cheers,
bob
