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Subject: Re: Locating IDL source code file

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Craig wrote:

> [copied over from comp.lang.idl - don't know how to properly cross-post  
> it in retrospect using Google groups]

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> Hi all,

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> I'm trying to write some code that will read information (like version  
> numbers and dates) from the source files for procedures and functions  
> that it uses. In Matlab I would use a command like

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>>> which fred

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> to return the full path to the source file "fred.m". How do I get the  
> same result from IDL v6.1? I've tried something like

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> IDL> ttt = file\_which('fred.pro', /include\_current\_dir)

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> but just got a null string returned. This might be because I'm using  
> the IDLDE, so the routine isn't actually on the search path !PATH, even  
> though it has been compiled OK when building the project.

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I almost nothing have used IDLDE (I use Emacs+IDLwave).

I testes your previous command in the IDL command line interpreter all works fine. Perhaps you need to modify your IDLDE configuration path or simething like this.

> Once this problem is solved, I'll also need to determine the filename  
> for the source file containing a definition of 'fred', because most of  
> the routines in this project don't have their own 'fred.pro' source  
> file.

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That is, yoru file.pro cotains procedured "fred" and "tom" ??

I think there is no function that does this for you, you need to open and parse the file looking for a "PROCEDURE fred" string.

The next procedure opens a file and search for all procedure/funtions that starts with the specified "findstring". If you put findstring='fred' then also match names like 'frederic'.

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;PRO parse, file, findstring
;; Open the file test.lis:
OPENR, 1, file
;; Define a string variable:
line = "
;; Loop until EOF is found:
found = 0
line_number = 0
WHILE (~ EOF(1)) AND (NOT found) DO BEGIN
  ;; Read a line of text:
  READF, 1, line
  ;; Check if match your procedure/function name
  match = STREGEX(STRUPCASE(line), '(PROCEDURE|FUNCTION) ' + $
    "+STRUPCASE(findstring), $
    /BOOLEAN)
  IF match THEN print, line_number, '-', line
  line_number++
ENDWHILE
;; Close the file:
CLOSE, 1
END

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