
Subject: Re: Locating IDL source code file

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"Mark Hadfield" <m.hadfield@niwa.co.nz> wrote in message
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> Hi Craig

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> ...How does using IDLDE relate to whether the file containing the routine
> is on the !PATH.

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> My advice: put files containing IDL routines on !PATH.

I agree with Mark. To answer the question, one can open routines
in the IDLDE fairly easily, and compile them because they are in the
DE. When people send me code, I don't put it in my path, and usually
run it in the IDLDE from another folder.

>> 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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> My second piece of advice: give each routine its own source file.

Again I agree. If you think of what one is doing when they have
multiple routines in a file, it is an attempt at hiding code from other
modules. What you really want to be doing is object programming,
and making methods/routines (i.e. Tom) that are hidden from everything
except
the Fred class.

Cheers,
bob
