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Subject: Re: How does IDL find functions?

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robertschaefer@gmx.de wrote:

- > Hello IDL community,
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- > I'm looking for a smart solution to find functions from my own lib
- > inside a self written function or procedure.
- > The idea is to get a tree of embedded self written functions.
- >

That is: parse a file SOME\_FILE.PRO and find if it contains any function of your own library.

- > My solution looks like this but I think there must be an easier way:
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- > -generate a list of functions in user-lib
- 1- You need to load into memory (array) a list of your functions name.
- > -Read the function where to search (openr)
- 2- Read each file line.
- > -compare each line (string) with the list of lib functions
- > (how to extract function names elegantly? -> strsplit with '=' :)
- > definitely not)
- 3- I think it will better with a STRMATCH or STREGEX.

This code can help you (extract from the old post

[http://groups-beta.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse\\_thread/thread/bd3fc18ab72631ea/33089f602feb945c?hl=en#33089f602feb945c](http://groups-beta.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse_thread/thread/bd3fc18ab72631ea/33089f602feb945c?hl=en#33089f602feb945c)):

Parse an entory file 'file' and found all functions or procedures that starts with 'findstring'.

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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
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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

```

> -save coincide functions (strings) and go on searching into found  
> functions

4- I don't understand this part. Save the function that coincides with  
your function names and then find recursively into functions with  
different name??

>  
> Does anybody (I'm sure ;-) ) know how IDL find functions on compiling?  
> This may be exactly the right (fast) way...  
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> Any ideas? ...Thanks for help...  
>  
> Best regards  
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> robert  
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