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Subject: Re: Continuing Linux Education

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Hi David,

I had the same problem with IDL not being found in Emacs/IDLWAVE, although calling idl from the shell worked just fine. This was because idl was set as an alias somewhere, pointing to the correct executable, while its path was not in the !PATH environment variable. IDLWAVE doesn't know about the alias and hence can't execute IDL.

You can check this with just calling

```
$ alias | grep -i idl
```

If IDL pops up, it is set as an alias. You can either look for where this is done and comment the appropriate line out, or you add a line like

```
unalias idl
```

in your bashrc. Then you add the IDL path to \$PATH as

```
setenv PATH $PATH:/usr/local/rsi/idl/idl_6.2/bin
```

or similar.

If I remember correctly, an alternative way is to explicitly tell IDLWAVE where IDL is located. I can't remember where in the vast desert of Emacs configuration I once stumbled over the appropriate entry, but I know it's there.

Cheers,

Peter

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