
Subject: Re: SETENV

Posted by [Dominic Metzger](#) on Wed, 16 Aug 2006 20:42:14 GMT

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Hah, of course... somehow, I didnt think of that.

Awesome, thanks to both of you!

dometz

JD Smith wrote:

> On Wed, 16 Aug 2006 10:44:21 -0700, Dominic Metzger wrote:

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>> Hi,

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>> I looked at the specs for the SETENV command in idl and it says "adds
>> or changes an environment string in the process environment."

>> Unfortunately, they only have examples for changing an environment
>> variable but not how to add to an existing env. variable. I tried
>> pretty much everything that seems to work in Unix but I didnt get it to
>> work it in IDL.

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>> so, here is what I am trying to do:

>> in Unix:

>> \$ setenv FOO "bar"

>> \$ echo \$FOO

>> bar

>> \$ setenv FOO "foo:\$FOO"

>> \$ echo \$FOO

>> foo:bar

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>> So, how can you add to an existing env. variable in IDL with the SETENV
>> command?

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> IDL> setenv,'FOO=bar'

> IDL> setenv,'FOO=foo:'+getenv('FOO')

> IDL> print,getenv('FOO')

> foo:bar

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> JD
