
Subject: Re: SETENV

Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Wed, 16 Aug 2006 17:59:20 GMT

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On Wed, 16 Aug 2006, Dominic Metzger wrote:

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

use getenv():

```
IDL> setenv,'foo=bar'  
IDL> print, getenv('foo')  
bar  
IDL> setenv,'foo=foo:'+getenv('foo')  
IDL> print, getenv('foo')  
foo:bar
```

regards,
lajos
