
Subject: Naming batch files and main-level programs

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Hey there everybody,

I've been using batch files and main-level programs a ton lately and I wondered if anyone has any naming conventions for these files? It's nice to name them with a suffix of .pro so that IDL will search for them in !PATH. But then you've got batch files and main-level programs mixed in with routines; if you .run batch_file.pro you're in for trouble and if you @main_level.pro you're in for even worse.

My advisor came up with a scheme where he names batch files name.idl.pro and main-level programs name.idlprc.pro. I have NO IDEA where he came up with these (especially the latter!); he claims they were some kind of standard naming convention way, way back in the day, but I'm extremely dubious. I can't find anything in the online help about file-naming conventions for batch files and main-level programs; in fact, the documentation for batch files suggests just throwing a .pro on the end, but that's it.

Just wondering. -Tim.
