
Subject: Re: Naming batch files and main-level programs

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>> But if your routine is called 'fred' and you save it in a file called
>> fred.idl.pro, when you call fred, IDL will be looking for fred.pro...
>> and therefore not find it.

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> Right, you'd have to do @fred.bat or .run fred.main

No, he means that if you have a function/procedure "foo", it must be saved in the file foo.pro if you want IDL to find it. If you save it in bar.pro, IDL will not find it.

>> If I had this problem, I'd either just put the batch files in their own
>> directory which tells what they are (maybe called 'batch'), or tag the
>> batch files and leave the rest alone (although probably better with a
>> '_' separator than a '.', for the reason above. You can also use a file
>> with no extension to indicate a batch file - that's fine on UNIX; not
>> ideal on Windows.

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> Hmm, I don't know Windows well at all... I wonder if the above would
> work... i.e., if you named a batch file fred.bat.pro and then did
> @fred.bat ... can you have multiple periods in a Windows file name or
> do you have to use underscores everywhere?

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> Thanks for the ideas. Best -Tim.

For a batch file, it would work... not that in this case it is useless to save as a .pro... You can save it as foo.idl and type @foo.idl the good point of .pro extension is that you don't have to type it... @foo = @foo.pro

Now for your question, yes, you can have multiple points...

Here is another suggestion, close to Greg's one:
why don't you call your files b_name.pro for the batch files and name.pro for the routines? elegant, small, obvious...

Jean
