Hey there Greg,

> 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.

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

> 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.

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?

Thanks for the ideas. Best -Tim.