
Subject: Re: Mac Cursor

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2006 05:16:36 GMT

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Kenneth Bowman writes:

> David, do you use the IDLDE on Macs, or do you run from the
> command line?

Uh, have you *seen* IDLDE on a Mac!? No, almost everyone
prefers to run from a command line. :-)

> I run from the command line and use a startup.pro file. In order
> to set the !PATH variable right, you have to get the paths right.
> A very handy trick for doing this in OS X is the following:

>
> 1. Have a Terminal window open. (That's Terminal.app, not an xterm.)
> 2. In the Finder, navigate to the file or directory that you want to use.
> 3. Drag the file or directory into the Terminal window. Presto, the full
> path appears.
> 4. Copy and paste that path into the startup.pro.

>
> You can enter a Unix command like "ls" before dragging and dropping:

>
> bowman> ls /Volumes/csrpd1/1B01/V6/2004/200409/20040905/
> 1B01.040905.38795.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38801.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38807.6.HDF
> 1B01.040905.38796.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38802.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38808.6.HDF
> 1B01.040905.38797.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38803.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38809.6.HDF
> 1B01.040905.38798.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38804.6.HDF 1B01.040906.38810.6.HDF
> 1B01.040905.38799.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38805.6.HDF
> 1B01.040905.38800.6.HDF 1B01.040905.38806.6.HDF

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>
> In IDL I can also do things like this interactively:

>
> IDL> in = '/Volumes/csrpd1/PROGSCI/v4/502rf05/502rf05.nc'
> IDL> id = ncdf_open(in)

>
> That is, type "in = '" at the IDL prompt. Drag and drop the file of interest.
> Add the final quote. Hit return.

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> I guess that will go on the tips and tricks list. :-)

Very useful information. Thank you.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
