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Subject: Re: compiling many routines at once  
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Use IDL's Projects!

For years I would remove the the Project Window on the left side of IDLDE by unchecking the Preference -> Project. My style of programming was to place all the PRO and FUNCTION routines in the same file, making sure FUNCTION routines were at the top. Or use the Preference -> Path to insert the path of my code.

However, recently, I started inheriting IDL code in my department that was written by other people that have left or are still around. I needed a way to manage all these snippets of code. I learn to use the IDLDE Project. Whenever, I start a new IDL application or given new code, I'll create an IDL Project.

IDL Project allow you to add and remove IDL files, have quick access to the routines if changes are require, search through all the files (helpful for debugging), and compiles all the routines with a click of the button.

All in all, IDL projects has made me an efficient application developer.

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On Jun 1, 7:12 am, kostis <kostis...@gmail.com> wrote:

- > I use a main program main.pro that includes many other programs and
  - > functions.
  - > Each time i recompile amin.pro i have to compile all included routines
  - > seperately...
  - > Functions are compiled automatically with the command FORWARD\_FUNCTION
  - > but that doesnt work with routines...
  - > How can i compile everything at once with .r main.pro ?
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