
Subject: Re: capital letters in file names?

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hradilv writes:

- > If you are using a *nix OS and you do, say, .comp test, IDL will look
- > for test.pro which must contain a procedure or function called
- > "test" (same capitalization). If the file name is Test.pro and the
- > procedure in it is "test", then you call "Test", IDL will compile
- > Test.pro creating a procedure called "test", but it won't be able to
- > find "Test"
- >
- > Clear as mud?

And possibly misleading, as well. :-)

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The capitalization of the procedure or function is entirely irrelevant. IDL is case insensitive. The name of the file should be spelled with lowercase letters if you expect IDL to find it automatically (as you should). If you always compile your procedures and functions before you use them, then (really!) you should be using another language than IDL, as there is ABSOLUTELY no reason to do this.

You should even name your Windows files with lowercase letters, IMHO, since you never know when you might find yourself loaning them to someone with a machine different from yours. This can cause an enormous amount of heartache before you figure out what the problem is.

<http://www.dfanning.com/tips/namefiles.html>

Cheers,

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