
Subject: Re: Automatically Compiling IDL
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Justin Baker <justinb@bom.gov.au> wrote:

> I am trying to write a simple routine to automatically compile all of my
> IDL routines for a single application and then save the compiled result.
>
> I want to do this so that I can use an XDR format file
> instead of having to re-compile every routine each time I run my
> application.
>
> I have tried something like the following :
>
> pro compileall
> .compile myprint mydisplay mycalc mygui
> save, filename='myprog.dat', /routines
> end
>
> Unfortunately, when I try and run "compileall", IDL doesn't understand
> the .compile command.
>
> Is it possible to do what I want from a procedure (or batch file), or do
> I have to do the above interactively ?

You can use a batch file, for example:

```
;mycompile.bat  
;  
;Compile all of the routines used in my application and save them to  
;a .XDR file.
```

```
COMPILE myprint mydisplay mycalc mygui  
  
SAVE, /ROUTINES, FILENAME='myprog.xdr'  
  
EXIT
```

Then you can execute this file by:

```
IDL mycompile.bat
```

or

```
IDL> @mycompile.bat
```

To execute the program that has been compiled you can make another

batch file:

```
;myprog.bat  
;  
;Load and execute my program  
  
RESTORE, 'myprog.xdr'      ;Restore the compiled routines  
mygui                    ;Execute the procedure that starts  
                        ;everything up  
EXIT                      ;Exit IDL when everything is done
```

This can be executed in the same manner as above.

I hope this helps.

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