
Subject: Re: Defining system variables

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FYI, what I found out:

> I am attempting to create an IDL user environment that uses several
> non-standard system variables. These variables will build upon one another;
> that is, I will define one system variable, then use it to define others.

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I ended up contacting RSI directly. (I was desperate for an answer). As I'm sure you all know, RSI has a `_very_` limited support staff and should be contacted only when all local resources have been exhausted. Nevertheless, I have always received prompt, courteous and helpful replies. Thank you, RSI!

RSI answered that there is no need to compile the initialization procedures, as long as they are in the `IDL_PATH`. The `.run` executive command is not valid syntax unless typed at the command line interactively. Automatic compilation should take care of my problem of having "undefined" system variables.

> By the way, who is the moderator for this group?

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rfinch@water.ca.gov (Ralph Finch) and dpf@egretop.gsfc.nasa.gov (David Friedlander) wrote me to say that there is none. I guess there must be a time limit for postings to stay available.

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