Subject: Re: Self-compiling procedures Posted by Spon on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 22:05:47 GMT

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On Feb 16, 6:47 pm, maye kmichael....@googlemail.com> wrote:

- > Hi!
- > In terms of self-compiling I'm a beginner, so please excuse my
- > ignorance if this is written somewhere in the manual, I couldn't find
- > it easily at least:
- > So far I put every procedure I consider to be useful enough for more
- > than one task in its extra file, so that if it's called, IDL compiles
- > it automatically, having the procedure and file name identical.
- > But after a while, the number of files I have keeps growing.
- > I wonder if there's another elegant way to keep things auto-compilable
- > without me having to compile some kind of library before I start
- > working on a task using my "library" of useful procedures.
- > Am I missing something simple?
- > Thanks for any hints and a nice weekend!
- > Best regards,
- > Michael

You should add your library directory to your !PATH - File-> Preferences->Path.

Then you can call every procedure/function in the library without ever having to compile it first. In fact, any directory that has any .pro file in it is probably better off in !PATH. Top level directories, anyway - thankfully IDL searches recursively.

Take care, Chris