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Subject: Re: Path Problems Redux

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 01 Apr 2008 18:23:24 GMT

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On Apr 1, 11:29 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:

>> p.s. Just so we're jake, I want to stress my smiley's above are not laughing \*at\* you;

>> we're laughing \*with\* you. Maniacally.

>

> Well, try this on for size. I've given up--forever--letting

> IDL manage my PATH for me. So, I've decided all the new

> projects I'm creating will have the Manage Paths button

> turned off, and I will manage them myself.

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> So, I created an IDL startup file with this in it:

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> !PATH = 'G:\IDL\Coyote;' + \$

> 'G:\IDL\CoyotePlus;' + \$

> 'G:\IDL\Utilities;' + \$

> Expand\_Path('+G:\IDL\JHUAPL') + Path\_Sep(/SEARCH\_PATH) + \$

> Expand\_Path('+G:\IDL\Astronomy') + Path\_Sep(/SEARCH\_PATH) + \$

> !PATH

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> IDL starts up, the file executes (I know because there is also

> a print statement in there), and all is well. Except that my

> !PATH doesn't have \*ANY\* of these directories on it. However,

> if I do this:

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> IDL> @fsc\_startup

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> Then the file executes for the 2nd time, and my directories are now

> on my PATH.

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> Seriously, if I had a gun, I would be thinking about using it.

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> How the %&#\* @ do I put these files on my friggin' path so when

> I start IDL up I can get some work done!?

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> P.S. When I get to the bottom of this problem, it is going to

> result in one of the best articles I've \*ever\* written!

Since you have started down this path (no pun intended), check out my solution:

<http://michaelgalloy.com/2008/04/01/path-management.html>

It's a bit involved to setup, but very easy to change once you have it going.

Mike

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