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Subject: Re: Path Problems Redux

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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.

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

```
!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
```

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:

```
IDL> @fsc_startup
```

Then the file executes for the 2nd time, and my directories are now on my PATH.

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

How the %&#\*@ do I put these files on my friggin' path so when I start IDL up I can get some work done!?

Cheers,

David

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!

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