
Subject: Re: Paths in the Workbench

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Mon, 31 Mar 2008 21:43:40 GMT

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On Mar 31, 12:20 pm, David Fanning <da...@dfanning.com> wrote:

>> I have been trying to give it the benefit of the doubt. If I turn
>> every feature off (which is pretty much what I have done), then the
>> Workbench is a worse editor than the one in IDL 6.4 and with a memory
>> footprint 10-12 times its previous size. Please tell me there are some
>> redeeming features I've overlooked here. :-(
>
> Of course, I could "build" my project, which works spectacularly
> if I have been careful to write all my project programs as procedures.
> But heaven help you if you thought you needed a function. There is
> no way on God's green Earth you are even going to get *that* project
> to
> build correctly.
>
> I see there is a provision for specifying your own custom build
> command, but
> I can't find hide nor hair of an example that would explain how you
> might do so. :-(
>
> Cheers (but not very cheery, this morning),
>
> David

David,

To use the custom build just create an idl batch file with the compile commands and save it. Then point to that batch file for the custom build.

For example, say you have a procedure called foo in foo.pro. You could make a text file called compile_foo which may contain:

```
cd, 'c:\foodir'  
PATH='c:\foodir;c:\neededbyfoodir;' + !PATH  
.comp foo  
resolve_all  
save, /routines, file='foo.sav'
```