
Subject: Re: Path Problems Redux

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 17:12:52 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> 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.
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I've discovered this morning, that this way of setting the PATH **does** work on LINUX machines running the IDL Workbench. So, to reiterate, it does NOT work on Windows but it DOES work on LINUX.

Still, this method is old school. Better to do it the new way with Pref_Set, or from within the IDL Workbench IDL->Paths preferences. Otherwise you will end up, as I have, with the same directories on your path multiple times.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
