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Subject: Something Has Changed

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Folks,

I usually teach in my IDL Programming courses that if you are at the IDL command line and you type "junk" that IDL goes looking through the IDL PATH for a file "junk.sav", then failing to find that, "junk.pro".

In the former case, IDL would restore the already compiled routine, whereas in the latter case, it would have to compile the file.

This seems no longer to be the case. If I have a "save" file and a "pro" file in my local directory, the "pro" file is always compiled. The "save" file is ignored.

Does anyone know when this behavior changed? It is this way in IDL 6.4 and IDL 7.0.3 for sure.

Cheers,

David

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

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