
Subject: Re: IDL slow to load command prompt
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In article

<0a97df68-348e-4b6d-a63f-0b465b1ec401@m44g2000hsc.googlegroups.com>, [dismays@gmail.com](#) wrote:

> Hello,
>
> When I type idl at the command line it takes about 20 seconds for the
> IDL> prompt to come up. Is this just a problem with the computer?
> Or is there something I can do to speed this up? It is IDL Version
> 6.2 (linux x86 m32).
>
> Thanks!
> Leila

IDL searches through the directories in your search path at startup and caches the results. This can take a while if the search tree is large or the directories are mounted from a remote server.

If you have a large source tree in your search path, you could test whether that is the problem by temporarily removing part or all of it from your search path and starting IDL.

You can also use PATH_CACHE to update your cache and see how long that takes.

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