## Subject: Re: How to set the default working directory? Posted by Michael Galloy on Wed, 15 Apr 2009 16:38:47 GMT

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<rainingpeace@gmail.com> wrote:

- > Hi all,
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- > I am trying to use IDL to read and write CDF files. Now I am suffering
- > a problem. I am trying to set my default working directory to "D:
- > \IDLWorkspace\". And I set "Reference->IDL->Path" and add the "D:
- > \IDLWorkspace" to the list and move it to the top. But it does not
- > work.
- > The reason why I want to set this directory is that otherwise every
- > time I am trying to read a file, I have to write the full path. By
- > setting a default working directory, I can just use
- > id=cdf\_open('ge\_edb3sec\_mgf\_20000125\_v01.cdf')
- > instead of
- > id=cdf\_open('C:\ge\_edb3sec\_mgf\_20000125\_v01.cdf'). I believe such a
- > small aim is achievable in such a powerful software like IDL. It is
- > just that I do not know how to do that.
- > This is just a simple example. My directory is much longer.
- > So as mentioned, I failed at setting the working directory. I hope
- > some one could help me.
- > Thanks in advance.

Check out FILE\_WHICH. By default, it will check for files in !path.

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