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Subject: Re: How to set environment variables in IDLDE  
Posted by [penteado](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2011 00:49:11 GMT  
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On Jan 11, 10:35 pm, mankoff <mank...@gmail.com> wrote:  
>> But it does work if you start idlde from the terminal, right? So it  
>> would not be an issue with the DE, it would be in the shortcut.  
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> It does work when launched from the terminal. It isn't an IDL issue  
> per se, but an issue with the way Mac passes environment inheritance.

Could it be that the variables were set in .profile after the current desktop session started running? In GNOME, I noticed that processes started from the menus are given a copy of the environment variables as they were when the GNOME process was started. Which can make things quite confusing, as a process may get variables that are not set in the current .profile and \*rc files anymore.

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