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Subject: Re: IDL v8 not recognizing bash environment variable  
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 27 Apr 2011 20:02:20 GMT  
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On 4/27/11 11:57 AM, Barry Lesht wrote:

> Not sure I'm expressing this correctly in the subject line - this is  
> my problem: I have a code that ran fine under IDL7 that included the  
> line "sta\_list = READ\_ASCII("\$SEADAS/local/stationfile.txt,"  
> TEMPLATE=stationtemplate). I just tried running the same code under  
> IDL8 and now get the error message  
>  
> % READ\_ASCII: File "\$SEADAS/local/stationfile.txt" not found.  
>  
> The file is most definitely where it should be. After doing some  
> experimenting, it seems IDL8 isn't getting any value for the \$SEADAS  
> variable.  
>  
> I hope someone can explain to me why not and how to fix it?  
>  
> Thanks.

Check the value of the SEADAS environment variable with the GETENV  
routine. Everything seems fine for me:

```
$ export MIKE=Hello  
$ idl
```

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```
IDL> print, getenv('MIKE')  
Hello
```

Mike  
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