
Subject: IDL v8 not recognizing bash environment variable

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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

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% READ_ASCII: File "$SEADAS/local/stationfile.txt" not found.
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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.
