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Subject: Re: astronomy library

Posted by [Russell Ryan](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2012 23:37:17 GMT

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On Saturday, June 23, 2012 5:55:54 PM UTC-4, [elliott...@gmail.com](#) wrote:

> Does anybody have a very user friendly tutorial for installing the astronomy library for IDL? I tried the one on nasa's site but I couldn't figure some of the parts out, particularly the path.

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> Thank you!

You just need to download the file: `astron.dir.tar.gz` from `http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/` . You'll need to just put this files in your `IDL_PATH`. I only know how to do this if you're using Linux or Mac OSX, if it's windows then you're on your own.

Once the files are in your path, start a fresh xterm (okay, the only way, but a safe way) to reset the path. Then start `idl`, and type "`astrolib`" to initialize a few system variables and be able to use all the procedures.

russell

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