Subject: Re: Problem running functions
Posted by David Fanning on Sat, 14 Sep 2013 03:59:00 GMT
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laura.hike@gmail.com writes:

> I also don't seem to have an IDL start-up file. Unfortunately, I work in one of those offices
where the sysadmins control a lot of things. They built a script that runs when you type "idl" that
sets up the environment depending on what OS you're using. When I manage to put my library
directory into the path, the default "path" (includes dozens of directories) gets lost. I thought I had
it appending before, but haven't been able to duplicate for the rest of the
afternoon.

By the way, this may well be why nothing works for you. Since you can't
control your IDL_PATH you are at the mercy of of whatever path is set up
for you. You type an IDL command and you don't know WHAT is going to
happen.

This is why order matters. Even if someone dictates what you have to
have on your IDL path, you can put your own files FIRST, so they get
found and compiled before all those other, no doubt outdated, files with
the same name.

I think your motto should be "Return Control to the Programming
Sisterhood!"

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")