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Subject: Re: New free DLL for calling Python from IDL!  
Posted by [yuxipang](#) on Tue, 15 Apr 2014 19:53:01 GMT  
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Hi Helder,

I can run the codes (see below) provided by Chris Torrence on my OS64 Win7 laptop. I put the Slither.DLL and Slither.DLM in a separate directory on the IDL path, and added the following lines in the startup.pro file (based on suggestions from Ronn Kline's ebook).

```
PREF_SET, 'IDL_DLM_PATH', 'C:\WorkSpace\IDL\Slither\python33; <IDL_DEFAULT>',  
/COMMIT
```

When I put slither DLL/DLM files in the directory of C:\Program Files\Exelis\IDL83\bin\bin.x86\_64\, it did not work for me.

The standard Python 3.3.3 and its extension packages (matplotlib, numpy and others) were downloaded from following sites ...

<https://www.python.org/downloads/>

<http://www.lfd.uci.edu/~gohlke/pythonlibs/>

```
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plt = pyimport("matplotlib.pyplot")
sizes = [15,30,45,10]
labels = ['Frogs', 'Hogs', 'Dogs', 'Logs']
colors = ['yellowgreen', 'gold', 'lightskyblue', 'lightcoral']
explode = [0, 0.1, 0, 0]
p = plt.pie(sizes, explode=explode, labels=labels, colors=colors, $
    autopct='%1.1f%%', shadow=1, startangle=90)
void = plt.axis('equal')
void = plt.show(block=1) ; block=0 used by Chris
=====
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```
IDL> !VERSION
```

```
{
  ARCH: "x86_64",
  OS: "Win32",
  OS_FAMILY: "Windows",
  OS_NAME: "Microsoft Windows",
  RELEASE: "8.3",
  BUILD_DATE: "Nov 15 2013",
  MEMORY_BITS: 64,
  FILE_OFFSET_BITS: 64
}
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Hope this helps, if you have any additional questions, please send me an email.

Yuxi

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