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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2001 23:16:16 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?

Posted by [thompson](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2001 23:34:52 GMT

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2001 23:50:55 GMT

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Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?

Posted by [Xiangyun Qiu](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2001 00:49:23 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2001 00:53:43 GMT

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Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?

Posted by [Xiangyun Qiu](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2001 01:03:46 GMT

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I also tried using help, /source_files (this is my first time using
procedure <help> :-()
it is more convenient, however the IDL documentation doesn't recommend
extracting
information as variables from the output. It's very handy for sure!

Thanks all,

Xiangyun

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Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2001 01:09:30 GMT

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And also a built-in FILE_WHICH routine, introduced in 5.4.

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National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research

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Posted from clam.niwa.cri.nz [202.36.29.1]

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Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2001 05:07:23 GMT

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I know this is silly, but WHY would one need this? Isn't the whole idea of a program in IDL path that you have a correct version and run it?

"Xiangyun Qiu" <qiuxiang@msu.edu> wrote in message
news:3C0568C1.DDEA79B1@msu.edu...

> Hi, all,

>

> Sorry for asking this question if it has been posted before, I tried to

> search this

> subject in the newsgroup, but failed.

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Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?

Posted by [jeyadev](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2001 19:54:24 GMT

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In article <MPG.166f3506d3ccd4ee98979e@news.frii.com>,

David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote:

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/import/pvwave-6.0/wave/lib/std/hist_equal.pro  
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Surendar Jeyadev jeyadev@wrc.xerox.com

Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?

Posted by [kashyap](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2001 20:06:58 GMT

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at least in Solaris2.8/tcsh, you can make that a one-liner, thusly:

```
cauvery 105> find `echo $IDL_DIR/lib/ $IDL_PATH | sed 's/[+:/] /g'` -name hist\*.pro -print
/soft/idl-asc/idl_5.1/idl/lib/hist_2d.pro
/soft/idl-asc/idl_5.1/idl/lib/hist_equal.pro
/soft/idl-asc/idl_5.1/idl/lib/obsolete/hist_equal_ct.pro
/soft/idl-asc/idl_5.1/idl/lib/obsolete/hist_equal_int.pro
```

(some systems append the standard IDL_PATH to preset IDL_PATH after idl
is invoked, hence the "\$IDL_DIR/lib/ \$IDL_PATH")

vinay

ps: good choice of machine name, btw.

In article <9u8o5g\$na5\$1@news.wrc.xerox.com>, Surendar Jeyadev <jeyadev@wrc.xerox.com>
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Subject: Re: How to know where IDL found the source of one procedure?
Posted by [Struan Gray](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2001 13:42:33 GMT
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Surendar Jeyadev, jeyadev@wrc.xerox.com writes:

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Upgrade to 5.5 and use FILE_SEARCH.

Struan
