
Subject: IDL environment

Posted by [judy](#) on Tue, 28 Dec 2004 04:39:39 GMT

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I am a newbie to IDL and looking for information for setting up the environment. I did create the ~/idl_startup.pro file to set the graphics to true_color=24, also added a directory to the path. I would also like to change the idl prompt from something like,

```
/home/judy/idl>
```

and have the prompt update to always display the current working directory. I have experimented with the !prompt variable, could probably create a alias cd.pro program to update the variable every time the directory changes, just thought I would ask this group first.

I am currently using,

IDL = Student Edition 6.0.3 (linux x86 m32)

OS = SuSE 9.0

Shell= tcsh

Thanks,
Judy

Subject: Re: IDL environment

Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Tue, 04 Jan 2005 19:44:33 GMT

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> I think \$pwd will tell you the directory from which you started your IDL
> session. If you did a 'cd /some/where' later in IDL, \$pwd won't tell you
> the current IDL working directory.
>

Nope. Take a look at this.

```
$ pwd
/home/me
$ idl
IDL> $pwd
/home/me
IDL> cd, 'graphics'
IDL> $pwd
/home/me/graphics
```

When you exit IDL, you will be returned to the directory where you originally started IDL, not the directory you've moved to. Notice I'm

using the IDL command "CD", not the command line "cd".

-Mike
