
Subject: Re: Automatic Compilation

Posted by [Evelien Vanhollebeke](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 16:19:05 GMT

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Hi,

I can confirm this and also add that you shouldn't use numbers in your filenames, otherwise, they will not be compiled automatically.

Cheers,
Evelien

Nuno Oliveira wrote:

> Thanks for all the answers. I took a few hours to see what was going on...

>

> It seems I finally got the point. This seems to be a case sensitive
> trick. Let's see, if I can explain (and maybe someone can confirm this -
> notice I'm working in Linux)

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> If you have already add "your" working directory do idl path has I did
> try do save this code as testing_routine.pro

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> PRO testing_routine
> print, 'testing for running without explicit compilation '
> END

>

> IDL> testing_routine
> % Compiled module: TESTING_ROUTINE.
> testing for running without explicit compilation

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> and then try to save this other code as Testing_Routine.pro
> (it is needed to reset_session before trying to call this other routine)

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> IDL> Testing_Routine
> % Attempt to call undefined procedure/function: 'TESTING_ROUTINE'.
> % Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

>

> and for this last case you will see that idl is attempt to call.

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> Quite funny, ins't it? Can someone please confirm this? :)

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Subject: Re: Automatic Compilation
Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 16:26:49 GMT
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> Can someone please confirm this? :)

From the IDL Docs:
"When you enter the name of an uncompiled user-defined routine at the command line or call the routine from another routine, IDL searches the current directory for filename.pro, then filename.sav where filename is the name of the specified routine. If no file is found in the current directory, IDL searches each directory specified by !PATH."

The important point here is that IDL always searches for file names that are in lower case.

-Mike

Subject: Re: Automatic Compilation
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 16:57:36 GMT
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In article <1110298745.482208@seven.kulnet.kuleuven.ac.be>,
Evelien Vanhollebeke <evelien@ster.kuleuven.ac.be> wrote:

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Huh? I use numbers all the time in my file names and they compile automatically.

Ken Bowman

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Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 17:17:41 GMT

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IDL allows numbers to be used in routine names as long as the first character is not a number. These get compiled automatically just like ones without numbers. If you try to use a routine that starts with a number, you'll get a syntax error.

-Mike

Subject: Re: Automatic Compilation
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Wed, 09 Mar 2005 00:17:50 GMT
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In article <112rnhltohs0u8c@corp.supernews.com>,
Michael Wallace <mwallace.no.spam@no.spam.swri.edu.invalid> wrote:

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Well, yeah, just like variable names, but that's not what he said.

Ken
