
Subject: Automatic Compilation

Posted by [Nuno Oliveira](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 15:27:42 GMT

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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)

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

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

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

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)

```
PRO Testing_Routine
print, 'testing for running without explicit compilation '
END
```

```
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.

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

Subject: Re: Automatic Compilation

Posted by [comet](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 23:26:16 GMT

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Note

IDL is case-insensitive. However, for some operating systems, IDL only checks for the lowercase filename based on the name of the procedure or function. We recommend that all filenames be named with lowercase.

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The linux system might be in the category of "some operating systems".
