
Subject: Changing directories in IDL

Posted by [trillianx](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 14:43:46 GMT

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Thanks!

Subject: Re: Changing directories in IDL

Posted by [henrygroe](#) on Wed, 18 Jul 2007 18:12:04 GMT

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On Jul 17, 7:43 am, trilli...@gmail.com wrote:

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In my experience (though this may be just because I'm usually sloppy about where I launch IDL from) it's a poor idea to have any IDL commands dependent upon being within a specific directory. I try to have everything fully path'd out, e.g. '~/obsdata/nirspec/20070707/spec' instead of just assuming I'm inside the right directory. (And, usually my paths are built up of various string variables, particularly dates.)

But, pardon the above aside, the command you want is "cd", e.g.:
cd,'mynewdir'
(See CD in IDL help.)

cheers,
-Henry
