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Subject: write\_png missing on my mac (6.4)  
Posted by [Brian Larsen](#) on Thu, 06 Sep 2007 00:41:30 GMT  
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IDLers, (I think it didnt go through before, sorry if it did)

I am hoping I just have a configuration error or something of the like  
and I hope that someone else also had the problem and then knows how  
to fix it.

I have just put 6.4 on my new macbok pro (vroom, vroom) and near as I  
can tell write\_png is just missing. I assume this is not a .pro file  
but I have looked and don't see it. Where have I lost it? Some  
setting I forgot on install? Some dynamic lib issue?

IDL Version 6.4, Mac OS X (darwin i386 m32). (c) 2007, ITT Visual  
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a few things I have tried  
[balarsen@LarsenLaptop]/Applications/itt> find . \* | grep write\_png  
nothing

IDL> write\_png  
% Attempt to call undefined procedure/function: 'WRITE\_PNG'.  
% Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$  
Same with good arguments.

Any ideas? Or other routines I should see if I have?

Cheers,

Brian

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Subject: Re: write\_png missing on my mac (6.4)  
Posted by [M. Katz](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 14:25:47 GMT  
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I expected to be in ../lib/.  
However, write\_png is working fine from the command line.

So I wonder where it's supposed to be. I did notice that there's a  
/Applications/rsi/idl\_6.3/bin/bin.darwin.ppc/idl\_png.dlm and a  
similar .so

Maybe they get their functionality from another means.

Have you contacted ITT?

Best,

M.

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Subject: Re: write\_png missing on my mac (6.4)

Posted by [Maarten\[1\]](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 15:13:37 GMT

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Hi,

I would not expect that find command to do much good.

On Sep 6, 12:41 am, Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> a few things I have tried
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> nothing
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On Linux I get (our idl is installed in /d/appl/rsi/idl/):

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$ find /d/appl/rsi/idl/ -name 'write_*'
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_jpeg2000.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_bmp.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_gif.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_image.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_nrif.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_pict.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_ppm.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_spr.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_srf.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_sylk.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_wav.pro
/d/appl/rsi/idl/lib/write_wave.pro
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As you can see there is no file write\_png.\* here either (idl 6.3). On  
the other hand, the command is available and works. Contact ITT to get  
help, probably a configuration issue.

Best,

Maarten

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Subject: Re: write\_png missing on my mac (6.4)  
Posted by [Brian Larsen](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 16:05:32 GMT  
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OK,

this is fixed with help from Jim P. from itt (thanks a lot). The issue was a rouge setting of IDL\_DLM\_PATH in my .cshrc. I removed that and all is well and fixed.

Brian

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Subject: Re: write\_png missing on my mac (6.4)  
Posted by [rkombiyil](#) on Sun, 09 Sep 2007 00:22:32 GMT  
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On Sep 7, 11:25 pm, "M. Katz" <MKatz...@yahoo.com> wrote:  
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> M.

Aha, there it is :) The wrapper (write\_image) communicates with the png library, which's been packaged into a dlm, so they can be accessed from within IDL, like native commands. I suspected this might be the case, but actually looked only inside the /lib.

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