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Subject: Re: how to find name of top level program  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 20:46:25 GMT  
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I use ProgramRootDir:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/programrootdir.pro>

This program is EXTREMELY useful to me in locating files  
in various subdirectories of the main "project" directory  
when I am writing code that I am distributing to others.

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>  
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Subject: Re: how to find name of top level program  
Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 20:56:08 GMT  
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Subject: Re: how to find name of top level program  
Posted by [Douglas G. Dirks](#) on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 18:34:18 GMT  
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Or, if you have IDL 6.2 or later, the same basic idea in a single line:

```
topRoutine=(SCOPE_TRACEBACK(/STRUCTURE))[1].Routine
```

(It's element 1 of the array returned by SCOPE\_TRACEBACK because IDL considers \$MAIN\$ to be the top of the call stack.)

Doug

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