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Posted by [BLesht](#) on Wed, 27 Apr 2011 17:57:14 GMT

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Posted by [jmaison86](#) on Wed, 03 Jun 2015 17:12:59 GMT

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On Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 11:57:14 AM UTC-6, Barry Lesht wrote:

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I have the same problem with the workbench, IDL 8.4, OSX 10.10.3. The setenv in IDL worked for me. I followed the suggestion to make an idl startup file. Thanks!
