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Posted by [BillG](#) on Wed, 10 Jul 2013 18:03:51 GMT

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Project structure:

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\MyProject
  \proc
    calc_a.pro
    calc_b.pro
  \old
    calc_a.pro
```

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IDL> print, !path
C:\(idl stuff);C:\MyProject\proc
```

```
IDL> help,/source
...
...
calc_a C:\MyProject\proc\calc_a.pro
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idl 8.2.2
Windows 7 pro

Any suggestions?

Cheers,

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Subject: Re: 'Open Declaration' finds the wrong instance of a routine
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 10 Jul 2013 18:21:11 GMT
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Posted by [BillG](#) on Wed, 10 Jul 2013 20:09:17 GMT

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Bill

Subject: Re: 'Open Declaration' finds the wrong instance of a routine
Posted by [Rob Klooster](#) on Wed, 17 Jul 2013 14:31:42 GMT

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Just a guess, but there might be a hard-coded reference to that routine in the .metadata folder inside your project.

Rob.
