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Subject: IDLBridge problem with unknown ExecuteTimer method

Posted by [trisb](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2014 14:59:53 GMT

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Subject: Re: IDLBridge problem with unknown ExecuteTimer method

Posted by [chris\\_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Tue, 23 Dec 2014 02:31:47 GMT

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}
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Chris

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Subject: Re: IDLBridge problem with unknown ExecuteTimer method

Posted by [trishb](#) on Tue, 23 Dec 2014 12:19:36 GMT

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Subject: Re: IDLBridge problem with unknown ExecuteTimer method

Posted by [ryan%stsci.edu](mailto:ryan%stsci.edu) on Tue, 23 Dec 2014 15:01:27 GMT

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Russell

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Subject: Re: IDLBridge problem with unknown ExecuteTimer method  
Posted by [trisb](#) on Tue, 23 Dec 2014 20:25:11 GMT  
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Yes, IDL\_PATH is set to the correct IDL directory (/Applications/exelis/idl83).

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