
Subject: Re: IDL !path command under Digital Unix
Posted by [steinhh](#) on Mon, 15 Jun 1998 07:00:00 GMT
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Paul Morris wrote:

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> correctly. It obviously has something to do with $ and [] symbols in
> the directory name, but these are handled without problem by the
> (bash) shell on which IDL is running.
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I'd just like to point out that the directory name in question contains a colon. Since a colon is the separator character for multiple IDL paths, the thing is split in two:

"/home/ATSRPW\$DKB300" plus "[TEST]"

Stein Vidar

Subject: Re: IDL !path command under Digital Unix
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In article 89754457@physics.ox.ac.uk, Paul Morris <p.morris@physics.ox.ac.uk> writes:

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Well, I tried this (idl 5.0.3, digital unix 4.0d, probably running ksh) and its quite capable of finding files in directories with \$ and [] in them (though I didn't try both at once).

Are you sure vms_port.pro is in the said directory? Its not, for example, VMS_PORT.PRO or vms_port.pro;1? IDL isn't case sensitive on routine names but it is on files names, which is what .run implicitly uses.

- William

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