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Subject: A couple of IDL for NT questions  
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As someone who has recently started using IDL on an NT platform after a few years on Unix, I have a couple of annoyances. If they are fixable, I'd be grateful to hear how!

1. To type commands, the mouse has to be clicked in that tiny little window at the bottom of the screen. I'd prefer that the prompt received mouse focus whenever nobody else has it, e.g. if I click in the command log, I can't type there, so why not give me a useful focus? Does anyone actually prefer the splitting of the command prompt from the command log? I find it quite counterintuitive.
2. Is there some way of automatically running main level scripts? Sort of like shift F5, but issue a .run. I'd use this all the time! and I'd care less about number 1 above.
3. This is the biggy. Once I've started a calculation, and realized I started it wrong, how do I kill it? I used to just type Control-C, but this apparently has no effect. The only way to kill a run-away loop is via the NT task-manager? I'd also like to be able to start a calculation then minimize the window, but all mouse clicks on the window frame get ignored too.

Thanks,

Peter

P.S. And while I'm at it, I've been using VB 5.0 lately, and I've really gotten to like the flyover variable values when stopped at a breakpoint. Makes checking out a bunch of variable values \*very\* fast. Maybe in 6.0?

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