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Subject: Re: IDL batch mode: Command line args?  
Posted by [manizade](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 1998 08:00:00 GMT  
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> Mark Elliott (mark@mail.mmrrcc.upenn.edu) writes:  
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>> I'd like to run IDL (from UNIX) in batch mode with a command  
>> like:  
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>> unixprompt> idl batchprog.pro  
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>> How can I provide additional arguments to be used by the batch  
>> program. For example, is there a syntax like:  
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>> unixprompt> idl batchprog.pro inputfile.txt  
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>> or  
>>  
>> unixprompt> idl batchprog.pro 5 3.78 "John Doe" 24.0  
I implemented such a scheme by creating a unix shell which sets  
up various parameters before running idl. The unix shell writes  
into a file which is executed by IDL by means of the "setenv IDL\_STARTUP ..."  
scheme. The shell passes along arguments from the command line, which  
may contain IDL commands.

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