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Subject: Re: what am I doing wrong?

Posted by [Bruce Bowler](#) on Tue, 06 Oct 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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William Thompson wrote:

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> Bruce Bowler <[bbowler@bigelow.org](mailto:bbowler@bigelow.org)> writes:  
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(stuff deleted)

>> if I run it as follows...

>  
>> # idl  
>> idl> .run 6953  
>

>> it works fine...

>  
>> if I run it like

>  
>> # idl 6953  
>

>> the results are

>  
> (stuff deleted)

>> unfortunately, because of the way I need to interact with some other  
>> stuff, I really need to run it the second way. What can I do to make it  
>> work like the first way? I don't think precompiling will work either as  
>> I generate the file "on the fly".

>  
> If you're using Unix, then what you need to do is to create a file like the  
> following:

>  
> #!/bin/csh  
> setenv MY\_IDL\_SCRIPT \$argv  
> idl << done  
> .run \$MY\_IDL\_SCRIPT  
> done

>  
> Use "chmod +x" to make the file executable, and then you can use this to  
> execute whatever IDL script you want.

Unfortunately, as I said before, that won't work in my case. I am  
passing this to a third party package that invokes it as

idl xxx

I have no control over that.

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