Subject: Re: How do you like this?
Posted by steinh on Thu, 01 Oct 1998 07:00:00 GMT

In article <3612A7CF.41C6@io.harvard.edu> Martin Schultz
<mgs@io.harvard.edu> writes:

> On the command prompt try:
> IDL> for i=0,10 do begin &$ plot,findgen(20),col=1 &$ endfor
> IDL> window,xsi=500,ysi=500
>
> What happens on my system is nothing after I enter the first line, then
> 10 windows opening and closing after the second line.

And that's as it should be, I think. The dollar sign says that the
line is "to be continued". Anything appearing after the dollar sign
(on the same line) is discarded (as a comment):

IDL> print,$ This is a comment
IDL> "HELLO"
HELLO

However, I wouldn't recommend using this behaviour to save a
character in front of comments on long lines, because I don't know
how explicitly this behaviour is documented.

You may find the following way of writing your loop interesting,
though:

IDL> for i=0,10 do begin &$
IDL> plot,findgen(20),col=1 &$
IDL> endfor

Regards,

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