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Subject: Re: date and time in IDL prompt?  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 05 Aug 1999 07:00:00 GMT  
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Med Bennett (mbennett@indra.com) writes:

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> Is it possible to always have the current date and time echo in the IDL
> prompt? If I do
>
> IDL> !prompt = 'IDL '+systime(0)+ ' >'
>
> I get a prompt that looks like
>
> IDL Thu Aug 05 09:11:24 1999 >
>
> but it is static, i.e. subsequent prompts always contain the same date
> and time:
>
> IDL Thu Aug 05 09:11:24 1999 >
> IDL Thu Aug 05 09:11:24 1999 >!prompt = 'IDL '+systime(0)+ ' >'
> IDL Thu Aug 05 10:52:12 1999 >
>
> Is there a way to make it dynamic?
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Slow day, Med?

You could make a little "prompt" object that used widget timer events to update the prompt at some specified interval. You would probably have to have a small widget program (iconified) on your display, since you can't send timers to unrealized widgets, I don't think.

Cheers,

David

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