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Subject: date and time in IDL prompt?

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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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