From: "George Constantinides" <gconstantinides@mhl.nsw.gov.au>
> Has any one used the SOCKET function successfully?
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> I have tried the Craig Markwardt suggestion from an earlier post without
> any success.
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>> socket, unit, 'cow.physics.wisc.edu', 80, /get_lun
>> printf, unit, 'GET http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html'
>> text = ''
>> while eof(unit) EQ 0 do begin
>>   readf, unit, text
>>   print, text
>> endwhile
>> free_lun, unit

I hadn't, but I was sufficiently intrigued to give it a go. I substituted a
local WWW site for Craig's and tried it out. It worked! Now all I need to
do is load the text into a file, open it in a browser, and I can surf the
Web with IDL!

I didn't bother trying to connect directly to Craig's site because we are
behind a firewall. Are you? If you are, then the HTTP queries have to be
sent to your proxy server and formulated a bit differently.

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