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Subject: Re: defining functions on-the-fly  
Posted by [mperrin+news](#) on Wed, 23 May 2001 21:12:57 GMT  
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Marc Schellens <m\_schellens@hotmail.com> wrote:

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> try .comp:
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> IDL> .comp [ENTER]
> - function f
> - return,42
> - end
> % Compiled module: F.
> IDL> print,f()
>      42
> IDL>
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No, this doesn't work for what I have in mind - .comp is an executive command and so can only be used interactively. You can't use .comp in a procedure. I want \*my software\* to be able to define functions on the fly, not myself. So it looks like the best solution really is writing out a new .PRO file to the disk and compiling that.

- Marshall

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