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Subject: Re: catching command line arguments from the shell  
Posted by [Phillip David](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2001 16:40:21 GMT  
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We do this with the following:

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echo "testpro, x=5, y=1" | idl
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This makes it like typing this line at the IDL command prompt. In this case, though, you're really replacing your keyboard standard input with a pipe as standard input. So if you want to be able to do further processing from the command prompt, I believe you've lost that ability. Widgets work fine, though.

Phillip

"KiWing To ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½" wrote:

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>  
> Hi,  
> I wonder if it is possible to pass the command line arguments to  
> the IDL pro directly from the shell? Say in the csh shell, when I  
> type:  
> idl testpro x=5 y=1 <return>  
> the idl procedure testpro can get the arguments "x=5" and "y=1".  
> Thanks.  
> Eric To
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