
Subject: Re: IDL, scripts and command line arguments?
Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Sun, 31 Mar 2002 19:59:03 GMT
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Sorry to reply to my own post, but I found a bug.
My code allows you to issue an IDL command like this:

```
IDL> a = 42 ; comment & b = 43
```

And this is technically outside the scope of IDL, as **everything** after a ; is supposed to be ignored as a comment. So, below is the revised (and much shorter) `idl_argv.pl` script:

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
open( IDL_FILE, ">idl.$$pro" );
print IDL_FILE "$ARGV[0]\n";
close( IDL_FILE );
system( "idl idl.$$pro" );
system( "/bin/rm idl.$$pro" );
exit(0);
```
