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Subject: Re: IDL, scripts and command line arguments?  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2002 02:12:46 GMT  
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Mark Hadfield (m.hadfield@niwa.co.nz) writes:

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> Come on, David! There are lots of other possibilities. Unfortunately
> most of them are even uglier than writing .pro files on the fly. :-)
>
> One Unix you can send information to console-mode IDL via
> stdin. Eg. typing this at a shell prompt...
>
> echo "plot, findgen(11) & wait, 1" | idl
>
> ...shows a plot window for a second.
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Neat! I hadn't thought of that. :^)

Cheers,

David

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