
Subject: Re: IDL, scripts and command line arguments?
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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
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> Michael A. Miller (mmiller3@iupui.edu) writes:

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>> Does anyone have any suggestions on ways to trick IDL into getting
>> access to command line arguments (argv- and argc-like
>> functionality)? The only trick I've come up with so far is to
>> write a script in <scripting-language-of-choice> that writes an idl
>> procedure with the parameters hard coded into it and then executes
>> it. It's not very pretty though and I wonder if there are any
>> other possibilities...

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> I think that about sums up the possibilities, really. :-)

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...

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echo "plot, findgen(11) & wait, 1" | idl
```

...shows a plot window for a second.

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