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Subject: how to pass a parameter to a .sav routine??

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```
pro saveTest, str
  if(n_elements(str) eq 0) then $
    r=dialog_message("No string passed, hi anyway", /INFO) $
  else $
    r=dialog_message(str, /INFO)
end
```

compile and run. Then:

```
save, /routines, filename="saveTest.sav"
```

```
exit idl
```

At command window, how do you do the runtime passing the parameter??

At IDL command line, I can just type saveTest, "Hello World!" and the  
pro runs with message "Hello World!", but I've tried things like

```
idl -rt=saveTest.sav , "Hello World!"
```

doesn't work. Would it be different if it were a function instead of  
procedure? Please help.  
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