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Subject: RFC 1: Common functions for beginners  
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To: IDL guri  
From: Ed Wright

I have a request for comments (just like the IETF).

I learned the basics of IDL use and programming over a long time interval while writing the magnum opus of dlms. Rather than have new users repeat my learning process, I'd like your suggestions for the twenty or so most common IDL functions a new user should understand.

I mean most basic-most used. Open file, read numbers, plot numbers, write text, close file.

As always,  
Ed Wright

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