"Paul Sorenson" <aardvark62@msn.com> wrote in message news:<3fa4c826_5@127.0.0.1>...
> It used to be that IDL would remember accross sessions commands that had
> been issued at the IDL prompt. For example, you could fire up a fresh
> instance of IDL, hit up-arrow, and see the last command you had entered the
> previous time you were running IDL! I don't know if this is still the case,
> and I think it worked only on Macs. Also, I don't know where that
> information is or was stored.
>
> Have you tried re-installing IDL?

CONCLUSION:

No other help or insight was forthcoming. I did re-install last week.

Thanks to everybody who contributed.

==thomas==