
Subject: Re: redirecting output

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kl_tah@hotmail.com (KL) writes:

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> Hi,  
> anyone know how I can redirect output from the idl command line to a file?  
>  
> eg. if idl understood unix style redirect, this might look something like  
>  
> IDL> print, structure.name > filename
```

Nigel had a good suggestion.

There's also the good ole' open-print-close approach, as in,

```
openw, unit, filename, /get_lun  
print, unit, structure.name  
...  
free_lun, unit
```

Or, you could capture the output in a string and then save it later.
I use this all the time with my PRINTLOG routine,

```
printlog, log=log, structure.name  
printlog, log=log, structure.value, format='(G9.2)'  
...
```

and then you can do anything with the LOG array that you want. It's
just an array of strings, containing a transcript of what you printed
to it.

Good luck,
Craig

P.S. PRINTLOG is at:

<http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html>

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