
Subject: Re: Running IDL from the OS command line
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 02 Sep 2004 19:26:46 GMT
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Paul Van Delst <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> writes:

> Hello,
>
> This is probably an easy question, but I couldn't find any information in the IDL manuals
> (mostly because I wasn't sure what the correct terminology was).
>
> Can you run regular old IDL .pro functions from the OS prompt?

Paul, you can run an IDL command **script** from the unix command line.

By "command script" I mean anything that you can load with
@filename.pro from the command prompt. Just like the real command
line, you can't use complex multi-line syntax, but you can call
procedures that do.

You invoke it as
idl filename.pro

Be sure to put any EXIT commands or whatever else you need to quit
out. You don't need an END command since this is a command script.

I generally wrap my IDL command line invocations with a shell script
that also sets up the IDL_PATH.

Good luck,
Craig

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