Reimar Bauer wrote:
> What is an idl expert? We all do learn new things every day. You should
> think on explaination how to write functions to the users instead of always
> do all in the idl commandline. It is much easier to use a function as to
> write all the code into the command line everytime it is needed or recall

Hi Reimar,

For someone to show up at an observatory who might have never seen IDL
and yet wants to look at a spectrum coming from the telescope in a
timely fashion, I think it would be safe to say (as a longtime user of
IDLWAVE) that the user is not looking for an hour-long tutorial on
IDLWAVE before actually running the IDL code. Worse, who died and made
emacs the required editor for an observer to use? I'm afraid I'll just
have to disagree with your assessment of the relative ease of packing
commands into functions or procedures, compiling them and calling them
rather than calling a module that does one specific task at the command
line when you are INTERACTING with your DATA in this LANGUAGE.

But, point is, you definitely can't fill the recall buffer when IDL is
started up, so unless you're using IDLWAVE you're outta luck. Just
wanted to be sure there were no clever ways around it. Thanks for the
responses.

Best -Tim.