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Subject: Re: Saving IDL History Across Sessions...  
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Hi guys,

I was asked by some folks that are putting together a package for use by users of a radio telescope whether it was possible since a lot of the time you'd like to have access (at the command line, not in a journal) to what you did last night while on the telescope.

> Someone has to say it. IDLWAVE does this. <http://idlwave.org>, but of course, you have to be using emacs.

So this won't apply here because we're not expecting IDL experts, and, well, IDLWAVE is too much of a hurdle to ask newbies to jump when they're trying to learn to use a 50 story telescope AND use IDL to reduce their data.

> look at journal  
> and then write the next day a function or procedure from your inputs.  
> Give them good names and describe them by using comments so you get know  
> them over years.

Journal was my first thought... but that doesn't work, since there's no way to stick the contents of the journal back into the recall buffer unless you run everything in IDL first, which is just not the way to go.

> Or you could wait for some future version of IDL that does this for you.  
> Nudge nudge wink wink.

Um, yeah, that's what I thought. What's the best way to nudge, nudge RSI that this is a good idea?

Thanks for the help fellas. Best -Tim.

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