Subject: Re: 6.3 reactions?
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Hi,

On Wed, 10 May 2006, Haje Korth wrote:

> Craig,
> we had a similar discussion with RSI here at APL when the VM first came
> out. While I understand that you could theoretically have a free fully
> licensed IDL version, in pratice the person trying to rewrite the IDLDE
> as a widget in IDL must be a complete nut.

you do not need a complete IDE, just a command line interface.

1. create runcmd.pro

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pro runcmd
cmd=''
while 1 do begin
   read, cmd, prompt='IDL> '
   x=execute(cmd)
endwhile
end

runcmd
end
```

2. compile it and save, file='runcmd.sav', /routines

3. run idl -vm with runcmd.sav, and you would have a command prompt if
EXECUTE would be operational. (This would work on linux/unix. On windows,
you could create an editable text widget with EXECUTE in the event handling
routine.)

regards,
lajos