
Subject: Re: Writing to the IDL prompt?

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Gianguido Cianci wrote:

> Hi all,

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> I was wondering if there is a way to write to the idl prompt so that

> IDL> write2prompt, 'string'

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> returns a prompt, populated with the string:

> IDL> string

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> I am aware of idlwave, but was trying to figure out a way to write a

> recursive history search for the idl command line. Something along the

> lines of ctrl-r on bash or a recursive ^ if you will...

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> I have a funny feeling there's no solution, but I thought I'd ask

> anyway.

I don't think there's any easy way to do this right now.

I've been asked about this type of feature before and I thought it would be a nice feature.

Currently, I don't think you could do it for the current DE, but if there was some kind of open source "extensible development platform" instead, maybe it would be possible to add.

For command line users, I think you could write a callable IDL program that functions the same as command line IDL, but has this feature.

Either way, it would be a good feature request for ITT VIS.

Mike

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