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Subject: passing multiple commands to idl from command line

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Hi,

So, you can do:

```
% echo "print, 'foo' & print, 'bar' " | idl
```

but is there a way to have multiple ".compile" commands on one line?

```
% echo "print, 'compiling foo & .compile 'foo.pro' & print, 'compiling  
bar & .compile 'bar.pro' " | idl
```

I need to call .compile multiple times and dont want to have to start IDL every time.

Is there a way to do this?

Is there a better way to achieve this without starting up idl? i.e.  
Can you use the compiler without starting up IDL?

thanks and best regards,

dometz

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