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Subject: Re: idl - Mysql interface

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Good Stuff, I will look into Marc Buie's library, also searching the forum (which I should have done a better job of first) yielded maybe the easiest solution which I have made work which is simply using spawn (which is certainly far from elegant but does work)

As an example that wrote using help from earlier posts:

make a file called 'script.sql' -- can of course be any name that has the query you want to perform

use simfile; select count(\*) from header;

you can pre create these which is not too useful or your idl program could create them.

then run this idl:

```
idl> ans=""
```

```
idl> spawn, 'mysql --password="password" < script.sql', ans
```

```
idl> PRINT, ans
```

```
count(*) 1004
```

```
idl> help, ans
```

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ANS      STRING    = Array[2]
```

Which gets the job done.

- Brian

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