Subject: Re: Running IDL .pro script from another app, using the IDL API
Posted by Mike[2] on Fri, 14 Sep 2007 11:23:54 GMT

On Sep 13, 5:30 pm, mankoff <mank...@gmail.com> wrote:
> Wait... can't this be like a hundred times easier? On *nix you can
> just execute from the command line "idl foo.pro" and foo will be
> executed in IDL. Doesn't windows have some way to run startup
> commands? I know everything is a bit harder to do in Windows, but I
> don't think callable IDL is the necessary solution to this. Sorry, I
> don't have IDL in Windows to test this on.

I don't think that the problem is with windows itself. I'm sure there
is a way to spawn or otherwise start something from within their
desktop application (details depending on how it was written). The
problem is that there is not a command-line idl on windows, so the
"idl foo.pro" idiom is not available. To start IDL, they have to
start the IDL IDE. On windows, the "I" really does mean interactive!
That's one reason (among others) why we run all of our "batch" IDL
codes on *nix boxen.

Mike