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Subject: Running IDL .pro script from another app, using the IDL API

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Hi,

Our R&D group uses IDL and has written .pro scripts for use in testing. Our test engineers use a Microsoft Windows desktop app (developed in-house) but have to get out of the app, start IDL, and then run a script. This happens several times during a test. What I'd like to do is to have our testing app call an IDL API and run the script "in the background" while the test engineer did something else. However, I don't know if this can even be done. Most of the documentation that I've been reading addresses calling an external program from within IDL - I want to do the opposite.

Does anyone have any experience doing this? Just point me in the right direction if you can.

Thank you.

- Jim Brown

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