
Subject: Re: IDL Workbench Nits

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> Like you, I have seen this only happen occasionally, and I
> haven't been able to pinpoint the exact circumstances, but
> it seems to me that when I am using my arrow keys to recall
> commands, that the command is executed immediately upon
> recall. What I want, of course, is to recall a command
> to the command line so I can make a change to it, not to
> execute it right away. I don't want it to execute until I
> have hit the Carriage Return. When the command sets of a long
> program, this is MOST annoying.

I haven't experienced that.....yet. The command line seems to work as it should for me. But I can only imagine how annoying it can be.

One thing I just noticed is that if you have a string with this slash "\" in it, the variables prints it as having two.

Here is a sample:

```
IDL> sasfname = 'Z:\test\sas\SAS_WEEK49.SAS'
```

```
IDL> print, sasfname
```

```
Z:\test\sas\SAS_WEEK49.SAS
```

but in the Variables Window it says:

```
Z:\\test\\sas\\SAS_WEEK49.SAS
```

But it doesn't work the same way if you use the other slash:

```
IDL> sasfname_otherslash = 'Z:/test/sas/SAS_WEEK49.SAS'
```

```
IDL> print, sasfname_otherslash
```

```
Z:/test/sas/SAS_WEEK49.SAS
```

and in the Variables window it says:

```
Z:/test/sas/SAS_WEEK49.SAS
```

This might be how Eclipse works but can be misleading if I use the Variables window often.

Ryan.
