
Subject: Re: running idl from a cron job

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 05 Mar 2008 15:43:37 GMT

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On Mar 5, 7:44 am, rlaybe...@hotmail.com wrote:

> Thanks for this. I had a play with it and what i do now is just put

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> idl -IDL_STARTUP myfile

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> in the shell script called from the cron job

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> and myfile is the batchfile which is run

You can do that without the using the startup option:

```
$ idl myfile
```

will run the myfile.pro batch file (put an exit at the end if you want IDL to quit at the end). You can also execute an arbitrary command:

```
$ idl -e "surface, hanning(20, 20)"
```

Full options are described in the online help here:

http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/idl_html_help/Command_Line_Options_for_IDL_Startup.html

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