## Subject: Re: running idl from a cron job Posted by rlayberry on Wed, 05 Mar 2008 14:44:51 GMT

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On 1 Feb, 19:36, pgri...@gmail.com wrote:
> Well, here's how I do it (there may be other ways tough).
>
  Define a shell script doing two things:
>
> - set up an IDL STARTUP environmental variable with the full path to a
> valid
> IDL program (let's say is called idl_startup.pro)
> - start idl
>
  Then, in idl_startup.pro put in
  [your initialization for IDL]
  your_program
>
>
> exit
> end
> This way, you can put the shell script in your cron table,
> and this will execute your IDL initializations, then
> the program called your_program and exit IDL when
  your_program is finished.
> Ciao,
> Paolo
>
  rlaybe...@hotmail.com wrote:
>> hi
>> can someone give me a link to show how to run an idl peice of code
>> from a unix shell script
>> thanks
>> russ- Hide quoted text -
Hi
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

in the shell script called from the cron job and myfile is the batchfile which is run

russ