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Subject: Re: SHA-1, MD5, etc inquiry  
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I have wanted to do this before too, but the want has never moved high enough on the priority to write md5 as an idl routine.

One thing that I played with a bit which is not portable or elegant but does seem to work (on my mac and should on \*nix, no ides about windoze)

```
IDL> data = 'Hello World'
IDL> spawn, 'echo ' + data + ' | md5sum', md5
IDL> print, md5
e59ff97941044f85df5297e1c302d260 -
```

```
IDL> data=findgen(10)
IDL> spawn, 'echo ' + string(data) + ' | md5sum', md5
IDL> print, md5
4b9d67607a952096a57046fe548ed2b3 -
```

```
IDL> spawn, 'echo ' + string(data+1) + ' | md5sum', md5
IDL> print, md5
babb8b471280af36b692685c4b8952b3 -
```

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