## Subject: Re: converting a string to an IDL command Posted by astroboy2k on Mon, 08 Sep 2008 18:57:34 GMT

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On Sep 8, 1:30 pm, Bob Crawford <Snowma...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Sep 8, 12:46 pm, Mark <astrobo...@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> Hello!
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>> I find myself constantly doing things like:
>
  print,' min(x), max(x)
                            ',min(x),max(x)
>>
>> Is is possible to do something along the lines of:
>
>> char=' min(x),max(x) '
>> some function, char
>> where some function would change char into one line of IDL code? That
>> is, if x=findgen(10)
>> sub_function would print something like:
   min(x), max(x), 0.000, 9.000
>>
>
>> Seems like this wouldn't be so hard. I'm interested in something that
>> would work with Unix.
>> Thanks,
>> Mark
> result=execute('print,"'+char+'",'+char)
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Thanks Bob,

This is just what I need. Unfortunately, I have never worked anywhere where anyone knows more IDL than I do, and despite all the unselfish help from this group and David's excellent book and website, alot of times there are pretty basic things which simply flew under the radar along the way...:(