
Subject: Re: converting a string to an IDL command
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 08 Sep 2008 16:51:01 GMT
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Mark writes:

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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.
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I think it might take all of 10 seconds to write your own MINMAX routine in IDL that did exactly what you have in mind. Then, you could do it all in **one** line! :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
