
Subject: converting a string to an IDL command

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Hello!

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,

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