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Subject: Re: Viewing a plot under bash?

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eyuchen@gmail.com writes:

> I am using a binary file which has nothing to do with IDL to generate  
> results of simulation.  
> After the simulation is done, I would like to view them using IDL.  
> However, I am just too  
> lazy to key in things like:  
> (idl  
> readcol, blahblah  
> plot, blahblah...)  
> each time I run the simulation binary file.  
>  
> Therefore, I am trying to write a bash script that calls IDL plot  
> functions. Here is what I tried:  
> <view.sh>  
> #!/bin/bash  
> idl<<eof  
> readcol,'result.dat',format='d,d',a,b  
> plot,a,b  
> eof  
> # <end of view.sh>  
>  
> It seems that the script is running, \*but\* I was never able to view my  
> data because the  
> plot window was closed right after it was generated!  
>  
> I tried to insert a "stop" after "plot,a,b" and it did not work  
> either. IDL returns:  
> % Stop encountered: \$MAIN\$  
> and closed the window--exited as usual. (i.e., did not give me the  
> opportunity to enter .cont)  
>  
> Any suggestions?

No, no suggestions. But I will point out this seems like  
a hell of a lot of effort to avoid writing a 30 second IDL  
program. :-)

Cheers,

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