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Subject: Re: Running IDL daily as an automatic task  
Posted by [Starbuck](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2012 16:05:53 GMT  
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On Tuesday, June 26, 2012 6:41:29 PM UTC-6, ced...@alaska.edu wrote:

> Can't find much about this, perhaps someone can help. Have a few IDL procedures which need to run daily, feed to website. At one point there was a command line version for windows, what happened to it? I am now running IDL 8 on a Windows server 2008/R2 box, so can't implement some of the suggestions found on this forum, such as create a linux cron task. Rather not use the IDL 'wait' feature, would complicate other work. Many thanks!

A command-line version of IDL is still included in the Windows distribution. For example with IDL 8.2, you can access it by going to Start > Program > IDL 8.2 > Tools > IDL Command Line. The executable file for command-line IDL are located in the following locations:

IDL 8.2:

32-bit:

C:\Program Files\Exelis\IDL82\bin\bin.x86\idl.exe

64-bit:

C:\Program Files\Exelis\IDL82\bin\bin.x86\_64\idl.exe

IDL 8.1:

32-bit:

C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL\IDL81\bin\bin.x86\idl.exe

64-bit:

C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL\IDL81\bin\bin.x86\_64\idl.exe

If you add the directory that in which the executable is located to the search PATH environment variable, you can use command line IDL by simply entering "idl" into the command prompt.

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