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Subject: Re: A small feature I would love to have for IDL NG

Posted by [Mark Piper](#) on Thu, 06 Jun 2013 18:07:25 GMT

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On Thursday, June 6, 2013 12:32:59 AM UTC-6, Xin Tao wrote:

> I think it would be great if I could just type `plot(x,y)` instead of `!null=plot(x,y)` to get a quick plot of x-y. I don't know how many people here agree with me, but typing `!null` everytime I don't care about the return value is just too much work.

>

Hi Xin,

I'm all over this. In fact, I'd like any function FOO to be callable with either:

```
IDL> a = foo()
```

or

```
IDL> foo()
```

In the latter case, the return value is swallowed.

I'm still working on getting buy-in for this, though.

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