Hi all:

How can I do the following:

Say I have a file xyz.dat with some interesting information in it,
and I have an IDL program, idlinfo.pro, that will read that file and
show me that interesting information. I want to type
the following at a Unix prompt and have the IDL program
startup and show me the info in file xyz.dat:

    % showinfo xyz.dat

I realize (I think) that "showinfo" must be a script and so far I've
come up with the following script that will
start up my IDL program, idlinfo.pro :

    #!/bin/csh
    echo 'idlinfo' | idl

Now the problem is to get the filename xyz.dat to the
IDL program somehow. So far, all I've come up with
is writing a temp file into /tmp that idlinfo.pro is looking
for. There has got to be a better way.

Someone please enlighten me.

Thanks,
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Axel vom Endt wrote in message <37DEB029.17E7ADCC@bu.edu>...
> Craig Hamilton wrote:
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>> the following at a Unix prompt and have the IDL program
>> startup and show me the info in file xyz.dat:
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>>   % showinfo xyz.dat
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> I'd use a script like
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> #!/bin/csh
> idl << EOF
> idlinfo $1
> EOF
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>
> Hope that helps
>
> Axel

Thanks, Axel! That's just what I needed. Just needed to add
a little punctuation to your script, and I'm on my way....

#!/bin/csh
idl << EOF
idlinfo, '$1'
EOF