
Subject: Command input window in Windows: why only one line?

Posted by [Bigorna](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Dear all,

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I know that this may not be the cleanest way of testing/building/running programs, but I find that copying and pasting parts of programs into the IDL window (and running them, even with loops!) is a very efficient and flexible way of doing tests! I can run bits and pieces of various programs, without having to create a special procedure, compiling, etc. A simple copy+paste does the same work much faster (but I do things properly when the "bits and pieces" are working the way I want).

Am I the only one who works this way and thinks that RSI should allow multiple code line pasting in their Windows version?!! Is there a way to get around it?

Thanks,

Bigorna

Subject: Re: Command input window in Windows: why only one line?

Posted by [Michael Asten](#) on Tue, 16 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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It is not much consolation, but you can get multiple commands including for

loops into the windows command line,
by editing them into a singleline, using the ampersand, eg as follows:

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for i=1,3 do begin & j=i*2 & print,j & endfor & end
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But I agree it is not the easy solution you are after.

Regards,
Michael Asten
