

---

Subject: Re: Sound in IDL

Posted by [davidf](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

> Well, that's pretty simple, but why can't even 'beep' (I think it rather  
> sounds like 'bing', anyway) be found in idl's help??!!

This has been the traditional first question on the IDL  
Expert Programmer's Association entrance exam. It weeds  
the riff-raff out pretty quickly. If RSI documented it,  
we would have to come up with a new question, and you  
know how committees work. We'd be stuck for months. :-(

And, anyway, what would you say about it!? Beep -- makes  
your computer issue a "bing" sound. There would be nothing  
but controversy in going that route.

I think we should just leave well enough alone.

Cheers,

David

--

David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting

Phone: 970-221-0438 E-Mail: [davidf@dfanning.com](mailto:davidf@dfanning.com)

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Toll-Free IDL Book Orders: 1-888-461-0155

---

---

Subject: Re: Sound in IDL

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

[davidf@dfanning.com](mailto:davidf@dfanning.com) (David Fanning) writes:

>  
>> Is there a possibility to make a sound signal in IDL, e.g. to make 'bing'  
>> when a calculation has finished? I couldn't find any hint in the IDL-help.  
>  
> On UNIX systems you can try this:  
>  
> IDL> Print, String(7B)  
>

> On PCs, you can try this:  
>  
> IDL> Beep

BEEP works on Unix systems too, at least on terminals that have a simulated (or real) bell.

Craig

--

-----  
Craig B. Markwardt, Ph.D.      EMAIL: craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu  
Astrophysics, IDL, Finance, Derivatives | Remove "net" for better response  
-----

---

Subject: Re: Sound in IDL  
Posted by [Mark Fardal](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:

> On UNIX systems you can try this:  
>  
> IDL> Print, String(7B)  
>

Now, for bonus points, (as if David hasn't racked up enough already),  
how can this be made to work in emacs IDLWAVE mode?

thanks,  
Mark Fardal  
UMass

---

Subject: Re: Sound in IDL  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

> Is there a possibility to make a sound signal in IDL, e.g. to make 'bing'  
> when a calculation has finished? I couldn't find any hint in the IDL-help.

On UNIX systems you can try this:

IDL> Print, String(7B)

On PCs, you can try this:

IDL> Beep

This goes "beep", rather than "bing", of course. But maybe you could get used to it. :-)

Cheers,

David

--

David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting

Phone: 970-221-0438 E-Mail: [davidf@dfanning.com](mailto:davidf@dfanning.com)

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Toll-Free IDL Book Orders: 1-888-461-0155

---