
Subject: catching command line arguments from the shell

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Thanks.

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Subject: Re: catching command line arguments from the shell

Posted by [Phillip David](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2001 16:40:21 GMT

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We do this with the following:

```
echo "testpro, x=5, y=1" | idl
```

This makes it like typing this line at the IDL command prompt. In this case, though, you're really replacing your keyboard standard input with a pipe as standard input. So if you want to be able to do further processing from the command prompt, I believe you've lost that ability. Widgets work fine, though.

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"KiWing To          " wrote:

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