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Subject: Re: Delay in printing to screen

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In article 3phbmeINN221@myall.awadi.com.au, mscutter@awadi.com.au (Michele Scutter) writes:

> I'm running IDL for Windows and want to print information to the screen about the state

> of my program, eg my program might contain the lines:

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>     print,'What data file do you want to restore?'

>     read,datafile

>     print,'Please wait while restoring data...'

>     restore,datafile

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> The problem I have is that the restore procedure, which may take quite a few seconds, is done before the message 'Please wait while restoring data...' is printed to the screen. I'd like it to be printed before the restore procedure is started. I have also

> tried using the message command with the keyword 'informational', but experience the

> same delay. The Reference Guide says that the !QUIET system variable controls the

> printing of informational messages, but I can't find any other references to this

> variable or how to change it so that messages are printed immediately to the screen.

> Does anyone know if the same thing happens when running IDL under UNIX or if there is

> a system variable or 'work around' I can use in Windows to remove this delay time?

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> Thanks,

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> Michele Scutter

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> End Of Message

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Try the command FLUSH, unit ; her unit=-1 (stout)

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