
Subject: non-interactive IDL from scripts

Posted by [roberto.bianconi](#) on Fri, 26 May 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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Hi,

is there anybody who can tell me how to start IDL from a UNIX script?

IDL non-interactive works fine if I input at prompt:

```
idl mycommands.pro
```

but this instruction inside a script gives me the following error message:

```
idl: 0402-021 Cannot run the command as specified.
```

Thanks in advance for any hint.

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Subject: Re: non-interactive IDL from scripts

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I use a similar approach with several WWW-based data systems that invoke perl scripts via a HTML form. The perl script executes IDL in batch mode, runs a IDL routine to make a plot of the selected parameters, and writes the results to a GIF.

The output is then display on the WWW browser as a HTML document with an inline GIF image.

Examples of various perl programs that use IDL on the web and the corresponding HTML forms are available via the following URL: <http://coney.gsfc.nasa.gov/Mathews/misc/idl-www.html>

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