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Posted by [Xin Tao](#) on Thu, 06 Jun 2013 06:35:50 GMT

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Posted by [m_schellens](#) on Thu, 06 Jun 2013 09:53:23 GMT

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Am Donnerstag, 6. Juni 2013 08:35:50 UTC+2 schrieb Xin Tao:

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pl.pro:

pro pl,x,y

dummy=plot(x,y)

end

IDL> pl,x,y

Cheers,

Marc

Subject: Re: A small feature I would love to have for IDL NG
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 06 Jun 2013 11:23:38 GMT
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Oh, please don't get me started on the subject of kids today... :-(

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: A small feature I would love to have for IDL NG
Posted by [Mark Piper](#) on Thu, 06 Jun 2013 18:07:25 GMT
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Hi Xin,

I'm all over this. In fact, I'd like any function FOO to be callable with either:

```
IDL> a = foo()
```

or

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IDL> foo()
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In the latter case, the return value is swallowed.

I'm still working on getting buy-in for this, though.

mp
