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Subject: procedure within a procedure

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I have a procedure which reads in a large amount of data(.25mb i think). It takes a while for idl to read in all the data. Then I have about 5 lines of which I use to print selected data points using plot, and oplot from the large data set. The problem comes when I plot say 5 points out of 50. Then I stop. Then I want to plot a different 5 points out of the master data set, without having to read in all the data. Is there a way to make the procedure execute from the point where I just manipulate the data, or should I somehow make those lines say an auxilliary procedure, and somehow allow that to see the variables from the initial procedure? What it boils down to, is I want to be able to plot an infinite number of time, but read in the data only once.

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"When I was a young man, I observed that nine out of ten things I did were

failures. I didn't want to be a failure, so I did ten times more work"

- George Bernard Shaw

" For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness

of God is stronger than man's strength"

- I Cor 1:25 (N.I.V)

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