
Subject: PRINT request for RSI
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Hi guys,

IDL is a great tool for string manipulation, and I frequently use it to generate various files. However, it is quite painful to have to invoke the PRINT function for every line of output. I think it would be extremely useful for IDL to have the capability to use the unix shell or perl type of printing, where one specifies to print until a certain label. For example, in perl I can do

```
print << EOF;
```

```
    print stuff
    print more stuff
```

```
EOF
```

As far as I can tell, there is no way to do something like this in IDL, is there? Maybe in IDL, something like this could be implemented:

PRINT UNTIL LABEL

```
'x = ', x
'a string'
```

LABEL:

This, I think, would be a great feature. On another topic, I would like to see some method implemented for commenting out whole blocks of code, rather than using ; on every line, or a GOTO statement. I can't think of any reason offhand what the C commenting construct /* */ couldn't be used. Anyway, just my \$0.02 (for today :-)

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