

IDL

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Interpreted language - can't have loops and stuff. it's a single line program

On windows I'm using GDL

- variables are declared on the fly
- commands usually have a comma next to it `print,`
- the calculations are usually in integer outputs
- to get decimal(float) use `!` after command `print, 19/6.`
- Comments by `;` example - `;this is a command`
- integer calculations only in 4byte strings.. so use `l` after calculation to get proper result
- print same number over and over `x=findgen(1000)`
- and plot with `y=x` and `plot, x,y`
- change color of plot with `col=rgb value`
- and plot over another plot with `oplot x,y`
- colored overplot `oplot x,x*x,col=255`
- and set range with `xrange=[]` and `yrange=[]`
- and make the stepsize smaller with `x=(findgen(2000)-1000)/500` where it gives you 2000 points from -1000 with stepsize by 1/500
- `plot, randomu(seed,1000)`
- `plot, randomu(seed,1000)pysm=3`
 - u - uniform distribution
 - n = normal distribution

System variables

like `!path`, `!pi` and so on..

and you can set these in the profile path

adding libraries through `!GDL_PATH`