
Subject: Re: functions considered as variables
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Dirk Fabian (dirk@uwast.astro.wisc.edu) writes:

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>> The solution is to use the forward_function command in IDL. The syntax
>> is:
>>
>>   forward_function function1, function2, ...
>>
>
> Had this problem just the other day.
>
> The other (and coding free) solution is to just compile your driver
> function twice. On the first pass, it will misinterpret the information
> in the driver, but on the second pass, the support functions will be
> interpreted properly as functions (instead of arrays).
>
> I'm not sure if this will work if you have very intricate among your
> support functions.
>
> but IDL> .run foo.pro
>   IDL> .run foo.pro
>
> will work for the simple things.
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Yes, but for the wrong reasons. Better to write your code correctly in the first place. (Or, at least understand what causes error messages and how to fix the underlying problem and not just the symptom.)

Cheers,

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