
Subject: bug in var_to_dt
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There is a bug in var_to_dt (idl 5.1).

Try this:

```
a=var_to_dt(1980) ; Fine  
a=var_to_dt([1980]) ; Fails  
a=var_to_dt([1980,1981]) ; Fine
```

Why? Because var_to_dt "cleverly" looks to see if its input has more than one element - if so it recursively calls itself with the individual elements. But if it is given a one-element array as input it then uncleverly fails. The fix is to patch the code to look at (size(yyyy))(0) to see if it is an array, I think.

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