
Subject: Re: Determining machine endian-ness
Posted by [Kelly Dean](#) on Mon, 06 Jul 1998 07:00:00 GMT
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That is why my prefer method is to check a number in the input data field. I only use !VERSION if I know what machines and version of IDL I am writing for.

Kelly

Charles Allen wrote:

>> With IDL 4.0+, !VERSION tells you if your operating system is UNIX or WIN32. I
>> would use this to determine if I need to byte-swap on some occassions. However,
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> This can't be a good idea, as IDL runs under Linux and FreeBSD on Intel boxes.
>
> -- Charles Allen -- callen@bga.com --
