
Subject: IDL purists

Posted by [Kevin Ivory](#) on Sat, 25 Jul 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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mirko wrote:

- > this will not help you at all, but I found this little trick somewhere
- > recently. If you are going to use STRTRIM, no need for STRING.
- > Sure simplifies code writing although some purists would claim that
- > it confuses the meaning of the code (I am sometimes in that camp).

Omitting a conversion command does not necessarily confuse the meaning of code. STRTRIM is a command that always operates on strings. Even the official documentation says, "If this argument is not a string, it is converted using IDL's default formatting rules."

So, an "IDL purist" might as well argue to omit a redundant conversion command ;-)

Best regards

Kevin

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