
Subject: Re: Stupid Question#1

Posted by [Kevin Ivory](#) on Mon, 02 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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rob cosgrave wrote:

> am having a spot of bother with smething that should be really
> simple. I cannot get FORDO BEGIN ENDFOR loops to work. I thought
> first it was something to do with my program, so I tried a really simple
> one, and that didn't work. Then I cut and paste the example out of the
> online documentation and that didn't work. And then I tried running one
> of the scripts which came with IDL and that didn't work either. They
> all failed at the endfor, and didn't close the loop.

Block statements (statements with BEGIN and END) only work in procedures
and functions, not in interactive mode.

If you need to learn how to program procedures/functions, you probably should
start off with the online books 'Using IDL' and 'Building IDL Applications'.
You will find them by pressing the 'Contents' button of the IDL online help.

Best regards,
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