
Subject: Re: Undocumented array indexing feature?
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In article <Pine.SO4.4.03.9901221328390.15597-100000@virgil.gsfc.nasa.gov>,

"Robert S. Hill" <bhill@virgil.gsfc.nasa.gov> wrote:

> On Fri, 22 Jan 1999, J.D. Smith wrote:

>>> Liam Gumley wrote:

>>>> Here's a way to index an array I hadn't seen before:

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>>>> print, (a[x,*])[*,y]

>> It doesn't work for everything though... as evidenced by:

>> z=5+6*(y=8)

>> JD

>

> Ah, but try

>

> z=5+6*((y=8))

>

Hi guys,

This is veering offtopic, but I'd just like to add my two cents.

IDL, like C, has many constructs that may add placed on a line to condense the actual length of the program. However, just like C, the readability and understanding factors tend to drop. I intend to use the a=(b=(c=1)) example. I always wondered how to initialize multiple variables on the same IDL line.

Thanks,

Bill B.

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