
Subject: Error handling by build-in IDL routines

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Hi!

I have a question about error handling by build-in IDL routines.
Consider the following example:

```
fritz = 'the cat'  
print, median(fritz)
```

IDL replies with:

```
% MEDIAN: Expression must be an array in this context: FRITZ.
```

```
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

My question:

How does the function MEDIAN knows the name of the parameter (i.e. FRITZ) I passed into it? How can I implement this functionality into my own IDL routines?

Thanks for any suggestions,

Frank
