
Subject: Re: Strange Bug with numeric double constants
Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Mon, 22 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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Alex Schuster wrote:

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>  
> Hi!  
>  
> I just experienced some weird IDL behaviour:  
>  
> IDL> help, 1.0d+2.0d  
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> help, 1.0d+2.0d  
>      ^  
> % Syntax error.  
> [...]
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I'd just say it's normal. Since '+' or '-' are two allowed characters in the exponential, IDL wants to interpret everything after '+' as the exponent, and you are limited to integer exponents here.

Just for fun: if you try
help,1.d*2.d it will work!

Martin.

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