
Subject: Re: Correct format of "included" files (using "at" sign)

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kspencer@iti.org (Kevin Spencer) writes:

> Yes, it's frustrating that they don't document the differences in syntax
> between compiled routines and the "script" files. As far as I know, you
> have to keep statements to one line, and can't use block statements. IDL
> just treats the commands as if they were issued in interactive mode.

Think of the @ symbol as meaning "include the contents of the specified file at this point" where that text must be appropriate for the current IDL mode. If you are in interactive mode the @ file is called a batch file and must have the same syntax as you would type in that mode. If you are in compile mode the file is called an include file and the text may have the syntax used in routines.

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