steele@wesson.phys.ucalgary.ca (Dave Steele) writes:

> I'm trying to use the "at" sign (the $%^&*! 'xrn' editor won't let
> me type it!) to substitute some code into IDL. The procedure is
> tersely described on p. 2-7 of the User's Guide for v3.1. I'm
> getting a problem that I think has to do with the format of the
> code I'm including. It is an IF_THEN_ELSE block with no header
> line (like PRO ... or FUNCTION ...) and no trailer lines (like
> RETURN, END, EXIT). If I run the routine that invokes the code
> substitution, I get syntax errors in the first lines following the
> invocation. If I add a line saying 'END' to the substituted code,
> I get dropped back to the IDL> prompt at the end of the substituted
> code.

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Dave,

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.

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