Subject: Re: Arrays: strange feature ?!
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On Wed, 3 May 2000, Nicolas Decoster wrote:

> More I use IDL, more I found strange features.

me too.

>   The one I want to talk
> about is the way you create multidimensional arrays. Look the following
> IDL commands sequence:
>
> IDL> print, [[1, 2], [3, 4]]
>   1   2
>   3   4
> IDL> a = [1, 2]
> IDL> b = [3, 4]
> IDL> print, [a, b]
>   1   2   3   4
>
> Why the same notation has two meanings?

IDL is clearly a language grown by piling up things with no previous
design. Its syntax is crazy and some characteristics are very annoying.

It is very nice for quick and dirty programming, but reallya mess for
large scale projects.

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