
Subject: Re: Sound in IDL

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David Fanning wrote:

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> Carsten Dominik (dominik@astro.uva.nl) writes:

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>> This is actually my main problem with IDL. Even after years of using
>> it, I am unable to guess the name of a function for a particular
>> purpose.

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> I prefer to think of this as one of IDL's endearing qualities.

> Sort of like your Great Auntie who is always slightly

> confused, but fun anyway. :-)

Would this be a Great Auntie (software) that you only see (use) on special occasions?

I realise the use of the word endearing is tongue in cheek, but it doesn't really invoke positive images (for me at least) when used in reference to software. What one member of the family views as endearing, another might interpret as doddering. Would one refer to their favourite hammer, dovetail saw, or carpenters square as endearing if they didn't work _quite_ as expected? I guess so, if you were a master carpenter. Amateurs (such as myself) would more likely than not simply get a new one whose use was intuitive and idiosyncratic free - especially if you promised the chest of drawers would be finished soon.

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