
Subject: Re: David: for your book ?

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Martin Schultz <martin.schultz@dkrz.de> writes:

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> Hi,  
>  
> Testing IDL's capabilities is always dangerous: you might get more  
> than you ask for!  
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> What would you expect to get out of the following:  
>  
> test = [ 'dir1/', 'directory2/', 'another_directory/' ]  
> print, strmid(test, 0, strlen(test)-1)
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Hmm, I got an error message!

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IDL> test = [ 'dir1/', 'directory2/', 'another_directory/' ]  
IDL> print, strmid(test, 0, strlen(test)-1)  
% STRMID: Expression must be a scalar in this context: <LONG    Array[3]>.  
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
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IDL> print, !version  
{ alpha OSF unix 5.2 Oct 30 1998}
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Is this something new in IDL 5.3?

Craig

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