
Subject: Re: translating an array name to a string
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David Williams wrote:

> Hi. This is probably a very basic IDL question, so apologies if that's
> the case. I'm looking for a way to translate the name of an array (e.g.
> "DATACUBE1") into a string that I can use in titles and/or in feedback
> at the prompt. I want to make my routines more user-friendly, and I hate
> forcing a title

Have a look at the OUTPUT keyword to HELP:

```
IDL> help, movie
MOVIE      BYTE      = Array[256, 256, 64]
IDL> help, movie, output=output
IDL> print, output
MOVIE      BYTE      = Array[256, 256, 64]
CLU> print, (str_sep( output[0], " "))[0]
MOVIE
```

Alex

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