Subject: Re: Square Brackets vs. Parentheses
Posted by davidf on Fri, 24 Nov 2000 21:30:37 GMT

Eric Pilger (pilger@higp.hawaii.edu) writes:

> Square brackets are only for arrays. Parentheses are only for functions.
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> Needless to say, I have a user who has been playing loose with this
> stuff for years. He now has hundreds of routines that use parentheses
> for arrays AND functions, and are therefore broken under IDL 5.4. Does
> anybody out there have a fix for this problem? Possibly a nice little
> parser/translator that can figure out what's meant and stick in the
> appropriate symbol :-) After all, IDL was doing it for years.

Square bracket notation is "suggested", even "preferred",
but not "required" at all. Why do you think so?

Best Regards,

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