
Subject: Re: Cant find functions in lib

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In article <MPG.1536350bbbff2315989dce@news.frii.com>, David Fanning
<davidf@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Yes, it has to be LAST, but really only if you want it
> to work all of the time. :-)

I have never understood the reason(s) for this, and find it somewhat inconvenient. If I have (say) a procedure and a few related functions that I would logically keep in the same file, it also seems logical to me to put the "main" procedure (the one whose name matches the filename) at the beginning of the file, rather than burying it at then end. Why doesn't IDL simply compile everything in a file? What value does the user get from stopping the compilation part of the way through a file? (Aside from confusing newbies, of course, which has, at least, mild entertainment value.)

Ken
