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Subject: Re: something like perl's 'require 5.4'  
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Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> writes:

> Vapuser <vapuser@catspaw.jpl.nasa.gov> writes:

>> How about:

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>> version=strupcase(strjoin(strsplit(!version.release,['.-\_'],/extract), ""))

>> input\_version=strupcase(strjoin(strsplit(desired\_release,['.-\_'],/extract), ""))

>> if version lt input\_version then 'eeek'

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>> Clearly `desired\_release' would have to be input as a string.

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>> Of couse, this method 'requires' IDL 5.3 (IIRC), to get the regular

>> expression semantics of strsplit. The other question is will RSI use

>> any separator in version designations besides these three?

> Umm, I never thought I'd be saying this, but aren't these a bit

> overengineered? I have found that in 95% of the cases the DOUBLE

> compare will work, and in 4% of the cases the STRING compare will

> work.

I've always found that a simple string comparison works in 100% of the cases.  
Where doesn't it work?

Bill Thompson

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