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Subject: Re: something like perl's 'require 5.4'

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Vapuser wrote:

- >
- > Hi all.
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- > I'm looking for something that check the version of the current IDL
- > session against an input version, like perl's 'require 5.4'
- > semantics and I \*thought\* I saw someone mention using something very
- > much like this.
- >
- > Does anyone know of such a thing or was I just hallucinating?

It's ugly:

```
v=byte(!VERSION.RELEASE) & v=v[where(v ge 48 and v le 57)]  
v=float(string(v[0]))+float('.'+string(v[1:.*]))
```

```
if v lt 5.4 then message, "IDL v5.4 required"
```

This is to get around release names like '5.3.2a' or some such. I you  
are sure you just want 5.4 you can of course do the much cleaner

```
if !VERSION.RELEASE eq '5.4' ...
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JD

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