
Subject: Re: User functions and data name conflicts
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Richard Smart (smart@to.astro.it) writes:

- > Our system have just upgraded to a new IDL with more user
- > functions, one of these new ones is pm, and obsolete
- > procedure to print matrices, one of the structured variables I
- > have been using for the last few years also has this name
- > and I have a few 1000 lines of code using this variable in
- > various ways, now none of my code runs as the variable conflicts
- > with the function, is there any way to tell IDL to ignore this
- > particular user function or do I have to go back and change
- > my variable name?

Are you sure!?

I've heard of functions being confused with variables,
but I've never, ever heard of variables being confused
with functions.

In any case, take the darn PM function out of the
obsolete directory if you aren't using it. Or, remove
the obsolete directory from the path. Or, if you *have*
to have the PM function available for someone in your
organization, move it to a ReallyReallyObsolete subdirectory,
and let them add that directory to their path. :-)

Cheers,

David

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