Subject: Re: Variable undefined after while-cycle?
Posted by Craig Markwardt on Thu, 20 Sep 2001 01:11:29 GMT

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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> writes:

> Reimar Bauer (r.bauer@fz-juelich.de) writes:
>
>> you should use () only for functions
>> [] should be used for arrays.
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> Please, let's not get started on proper programming
> technique.

And, as far as I'm concerned, round parentheses are accepted by IDL by
default for array indexing, so they must be correct :-) (as are the
square brackets too of course).

This same wisdom can be found in the ancient text of _EXTRAmasutra,
whose IDL-ku is almost a lost form of expression today. The guru says
it in an obscure way, but the meaning is clear:

  index, NOT careless
  to, slice AND dice (arrays), a
  round (blade) = sharper

I still do not yet use a "square blade" for my array indexing, it is
too dull. :-)

Craig

[For those uninitiated in IDL-ku, it reads like a 5-7-5 syllable
haiku, but is a compileable IDL program. The equals sign "=" can
either be silent or the single syllable "is".]

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