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Subject: Re: Automatic truncation of trailing dimension.....

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Paul van Delst wrote:

```
>  
> IDL> help, x[*,*,1]  
> <Expression>  FLOAT    = Array[100]  
> IDL>  
>  
> i.e. to give:  
> <Expression>  FLOAT    = Array[100,1]
```

Now this is almost asking for magic. It would be more reasonable to ask for

```
<Expression>  FLOAT    = Array[100,1,1] :)
```

Of course,

```
s = size(x)  
help, reform(x, s[1], 1)
```

But I think this was brought up so many times that by now it should be on the request to RSI list. I mean, not truncating the empty dimension. Those wanting truncation easily could use Reform, or a compile option could be introduced to toggle this behavior.

Pavel

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