
Subject: same question with correct reply Email address
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Hi!

Sorry about my wrong email address. ITt was hotmail.com and not hotmai.com..

Is there anybody who could tell me if there is an IDL instruction, like in Matlab, able to convert a string into the name of a variable and vice-versa? I mean if I have defined :

```
a=1  
b=2  
list=['a','b']
```

I would like to write:

```
print,somme_instruction(list[0])
```

and to get:

```
1
```

Thank you

Frederic
