
Subject: Re: convert string into the name of a variable
Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2001 22:47:37 GMT
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Frederic Raison wrote:

>
> Hi!
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> 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

this'll get yer started

```
IDL> a=149
IDL> b=273
IDL> list=['a','b']
IDL> result=execute('print,'+list[0])
    149
IDL> result=execute('print,'+list[1])
    273
```

if the execute works, result = 1.

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