
Subject: Test if variable is a string

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Hello,

I must be blind: How do I test for the type of the object contained in a variable? I am writing a procedure and want to allow one of the arguments to be either a string or a number - but the program must of course find out which it is?

This is my main problem with IDL: I am **never** able to correctly guess the name of a function for a particular purpose.

So what is the magic word for determining the type of a variable?

Thanks.

- Carsten
