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Subject: Re: Questions about using CATCH

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Thanks! catch,/cancel was the key -- I was not using it really to debug, rather, I needed to control some of the IDL routines that don't have explicit error handling (like file\_copy --> the program had one routine if it failed, not just quitting out).

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On 2/12/03 9:36 PM, in article MPG.18b4dcb67e4bd143989ae0@news.frii.com, "David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Jonathan Greenberg (greenberg@ucdavis.edu) writes:

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>> Couple of questions about "catch":

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>> 1) If I have two catch calls in the save program, will the program return to  
>> the most recent catch statement (and error handling procedure)?

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> Yes, only one CATCH can be current in a program module

> at any one time, but you can put as many as you like, to

> catch as many errors as you like, in your program module.

> When an error occurs, you will be directed to the first

> line of code after the CATCH that is currently registered

> for that program module.

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>> 2) Can I suppress the output of a "caught" error (e.g. I assume that my error  
>> handler worked, so I don't want to see the error each time)?

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> You can do whatever you like. :-)

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> I don't recommend, however, handling errors silently.

> Debugging programs that handle errors silently can

> be similar to a bad drug experience. After a couple of

> days of it, you are completely psychotic. :-(

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> Cheers,

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> David

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