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Subject: Re: no backwards compatibility in IDL 5.6  
Posted by [thompson](#) on Fri, 28 Feb 2003 20:15:48 GMT  
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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> writes:

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> I think there must have been a change somewhere along  
> the way (while we are on this subject). Because I didn't  
> expect that file to compile in IDL 5.4, due to the REAL\_PART  
> function in the IDL 5.5 part of the CASE statement. When it  
> did, that's when I realized I needed a nap.

Sure it compiled. Even REAL\_PART isn't a built-in function in IDL 5.4, the compiler just assumes there's going to be a real\_part.pro procedure somewhere, but it won't look for that until runtime.

Hope you had a good nap, ;^)

Bill Thompson

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