
Subject: Re: RFC 1: Common functions for beginners
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 15 May 2003 12:47:41 GMT
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Reimar Bauer (R.Bauer@fz-juelich.de) writes:

- > the miracle of
- > n_elements() (obsolete, new call is SIZE(x,/n_elements)),
- > n_params()
- > arg_present()
- > keyword_set()
- > and how to use them

Now we are getting into the esoteric. Millions of IDL programmers write successful programs (well, successful enough, apparently) without having the foggiest notion of how to use KEYWORD_SET and N_ELEMENTS properly. Learning about these functions can be put off until (1) You have lost your job because the critical-it-don't-fail program failed, or (2) You are desperate to get the IDL Expert Programmer badge from the IEPA.

Cheers,

David

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