Subject: Re: RFC 1: Common functions for beginners
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> To: IDL guri
> From: Ed Wright
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> I have a request for comments (just like the IETF).
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> I learned the basics of IDL use and programming over a long time interval
> while writing the magnum opus of dlms. Rather than have new users repeat
my
> learning process, I'd like your suggestions for the twenty or so most
common
> IDL functions a new user should understand.
>
> I mean most basic-most used. Open file, read numbers, plot numbers, write
> text, close file.
>
> As always,
> Ed Wright

Ed,

No doubt we can all come up with our twenty favorite IDL functions,
procedures, or statements that new users should understand. However it seems
to me a bit like asking for my 20 favorite functions or statements in C,
FORTRAN, Java, etc.

To get new users climbing the IDL learning curve quickly, I think it's much
more effective to have them work through a good book on IDL programming. I'm
told there are several decent titles available.

Cheers,
Liam.
Practical IDL Programming
http://www.gumley.com/