
Subject: Re: How to make IDL be quiet

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 17 Dec 2003 02:30:06 GMT

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mwallace.removethismunge@swri.edu.invalid writes:

> I'm quite new to IDL, so hopefully this will be a simple question for
> the rest of you.
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> How can I prevent IDL from printing out all the nominal messages such as
> "% Compiled Module: FOO" or "% Loaded DLM: BAR"? I'd rather that IDL
> just be quiet and only report something to the terminal if there were a
> serious error or if I use a print statement from within my program.
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> I also have a couple places in my code where an error could be expected.
> In those particular cases, I still want the error handling on and
> !ERROR_STATE to be filled with the correct values, but I don't want to
> show this error since I will be handling it and the program will
> continue execution. So, in short, how do I get control over what's
> written to the terminal?

I'm sure you **think** this is what you want to do.
But I'm also sure that if you succeed in doing it,
it won't be long before you see what a really bad
idea this is. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say after spending 3 hours in an iTool
chasing down strange behavior that turned out to be
a silent Catch that I don't have too much sympathy for
silence. :-)

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