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Subject: Re: Beginer question about the @ usage  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 27 Jul 2005 21:13:10 GMT  
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Mathieu Malaterre wrote:

> BTW Paul,  
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> Did you on purpose use lower case for function and upper case for  
> procedure or is this only pure coincidence ? Seems like people prefer  
> the FORTRAN approach where everything is in upper case, (except the  
> filename which seems to have to be in lower case).

Coming from the unix world where there is filename case sensitivity, the filenames should be all lowercase. The name of the function or procedure in the file can be whatever you prefer.

My personal preference (that I also use in my Fortran95 code) is that IDL statements/keywords/procedures/functions/etc are in all upper case. My own routines are usually combos of upper and lower with underscores tossed in, but never all upper. Examples I type in to this newsgroup don't necessarily count :o)

My recommendation is to type stuff in such a way as to make the code as readable and understandable as possible -- to you and others. How you achieve that (via case, indenting, naming conventions, comments etc) is up to you and subject to your own personal tastes (IMO). As long as you're consistent and your code is understandable[1], don't listen to anyone that tells you you must do something a particular way[2]

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[1] If a typical non-IDL knowledgable 12-15 year old can understand your code, you're doing all right. If no adolescents are available, any colleague will probably do. :o)

[2] Something I suffer from, unfortunately. It drives me nuts when people give me code that isn't lined up "correctly"! :oD

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