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Subject: Re: easy question

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Both Michael and Haje are correct that one can use a case statement for this sort of thing. But IDL handles a series of if statements just fine, too:

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pro demo, arg
```

```
  if arg eq 1 then begin
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```
    print,"one"
```

```
  endif else if arg eq 2 then begin
```

```
    print,"two"
```

```
  endif else begin
```

```
    print, "many"
```

```
  endelse
```

```
end
```

This requires typing a lot more characters than the case version, but I think it can sometimes make the program logic a bit clearer. Either way works, so feel free to use whichever idiom you feel more comfortable with.

- Marshall

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