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Subject: Re: .compile\_opt strictarr is persistent?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 2006 18:40:26 GMT

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mgalloy@gmail.com writes:

> Follow David's advice as above. I did try this because it seemed odd  
> behavior you were describing. IDL does not complain if you have a  
> compile\_opt statement outside of any routine in a file. It will change  
> the behavior of the main-level (but not the routines in the file). I  
> think I will make a list sometime of the most dangerous things IDL will  
> let you do.

Indeed, I stumbled onto this in an IDL programming class  
I was teaching. But COMPILE\_OPT STRICTARR in an IDL startup  
file does wonders for re-programming the finger/brain  
connections. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Of course, the same thing is true of COMPILE\_OPT DEFINT32.  
VERY nice!

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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