I guess I wasnt clear enough... I mean something that I can run in a
bash script to test if a .pro file has valid syntax.

something like:
echo '.compile foo.pro' | idl
and then checking if there are any syntax error messages and if there
are act accordingly.

But is there a better way than using .compile for this?

dometz

JD Smith wrote:
> On Wed, 11 Oct 2006 13:41:12 -0700, Dometz wrote:
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>> Hi,
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>> Is there way to validate idl syntax? So, something like the .compile
>> command on the command line but which only checks if the syntax is
>> valid and then exits and reports the errors.
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> catch,err
> if err ne 0 then begin
>   print,'caught compile error for ',routine
>   catch,/cancel
> endif else resolve_routine,routine,/EITHER
>
> JD