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Subject: Re: Newbie IDL question

Posted by [tony.ohagan](#) on Tue, 09 Jan 2007 04:29:25 GMT

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tony.oha...@gmail.com wrote:

>> If this already in a program, you don't need the & and \$. If this is  
>> at the command line, I must ask, why are you using a case block at the  
>> command line? Seems, well, strange, but that's just me.

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> No I'm not using it from the command line.

> I've already got it inside a .pro file.

> I'm running it via NASA's SeaDAS library - perhaps this is the culprit?

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> \$ seadas myprog.pro

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> I agree that it's very strange and contrary to all examples in the IDL  
> manuals.

> Unfortunately if I don't use "& \$" suffixes I get syntax errors.

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>> If you're using if, else, for, or while, and sometimes case and switch,  
>> then you should be using begin and end[if|else|for|while]. Here's a  
>> short example for each:

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> In fact I'm already using begin/ends in my case statements.

> I've read the IDL manuals on case statements.

> This example was from the manual.

Ahh ... actually I can reproduce the same syntax errors when running the  
program from

\$ idl myprog.pro

... so it's not seadas.

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