
Subject: Re: Newbie IDL question

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> 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.

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.

> 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:

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.
