
Subject: Re: Syntax Error Confusion

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 24 Aug 2007 18:16:55 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

Ryan. writes:

```
> Here is my snippet of code: (The only thing before this is some
> declaration of variables)
>
> IF getdata THEN      $
>   snrarray = getsnrarray(wnrange, occlist, DATESARR=time, $
>   /JULIAN,      $
>   OCCS2RM=occs2rm, WAVENUMS=wavenums) && $
>
>   occ1snr = REFORM(snrarray[0,*])  && $
>   occ2snr = REFORM(snrarray[1,*])
```

Your problem is this is NOT the way to write a BEGIN-END block of code. In fact, you are forgetting the BEGIN and the END :-)

Are you SURE you want to be doing this in a batch file!? Maybe there is an easier way. May I suggest a main-level program. Then you don't have to jump through all these && \$ hoops to get something done.

Cheers,

David

P.S. A main-level program is just like a batch file, except it has an END at the end of it, and you compile it before you run it. But all the variables are available to you at the main IDL level, where it runs.

```
IDL> .run myprogram
```

Cheers,

David

--

David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>
