
Subject: Re: Syntax Error Confusion

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sat, 25 Aug 2007 03:16:13 GMT

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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> writes:

> Ryan. writes:

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>> Here is my snippet of code: (The only thing before this is some

>> declaration of variables)

>>

>> IF getdata THEN \$

>> snrarray = getsnrarray(wnrangle, 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 :-)

>

...

> program. Then you don't have to jump through all these

> && \$ hoops to get something done.

I have a colleague who has never written a single IDL procedure or .run'able script. He has huge snippets which he pastes directly into the IDL window. They are all strung together with hundreds of &'s and \$'s. It is truly bizarre and unmaintainable.

However, at some point my indignation stagnated into apathy. Sigh..

Craig

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