
Subject: Re: Bug in SWITCH - ELSE: statement?
Posted by [Matt\[2\]](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2007 20:40:02 GMT
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JD,

I think it's documentation bug. Look closely at the original poster's emphasis.

>> ****The ELSE statement is executed only if none of the preceding statement expressions match.****

That line of documentation is inconsistent with the way switch works in IDL.

Of course Jean H just pointed out.

"SWITCH executes the first matching statement and any following statements in the SWITCH block. Once a match is found in the SWITCH block, execution falls through to any remaining statements. For this reason, the BREAK statement is commonly used within SWITCH statements to force an immediate exit from the SWITCH block."

So the documentation is orthogonal as far as I can tell, and the first statement is the wrong one.

Matt

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