
Subject: Re: Most Common IDL Programming Errors
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In article <MPG.2265b7fc3128704798a320@news.frii.com>,
David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:

> What would be on your list? Of course, typos are assumed. :-)

Some of these might be considered typos, but I teach beginners and I see these all the time:

1. Trying to use a function as a procedure.
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3. Forgetting to put a continuation character at the end of a line.
4. Forgetting to put a comma after the last argument before a continuation character.
5. Forgetting to start X-Windows before plotting a graph.
6. File name does not match program name (not even close).
7. Unwillingness to use HELP or ?
8. Using both a / and an = sign with a keyword parameter.

Ken
