
Subject: Re: strange behaviour of .skip command
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 15 May 2008 03:46:29 GMT
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Manodeep Sinha writes:

- > Is my understanding of .skip incorrect ? Does it skip through more
- > than 1 line even when invoked without an additional parameter ?
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- > In any case, it boggles my mind seeing code go through both the "if"
- > and "else" part in one execution !

Here is what the .SKIP documentation says:

```
.*****  
;  
Note that .SKIP does not execute or evaluate the code it is skipping.  
Rather, it arbitrarily alters the current program counter to the nth  
physical statement following the current point. This has implications  
that may not be obvious on initial consideration:  
.*****  
;
```

I would say what you see is consistent with this statement.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
