## Subject: Reading Others Code

Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 22 May 2008 19:25:58 GMT

Folks,

A friend of mine and I have been reading each others
IDL code lately. It's truly amazing what you can learn
by doing this!

Anyway, I have this line of code in one of my programs:

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HELP, CALLS=callstack
```

He was flabbergasted. Apparently, this keyword is not
documented. I'm dumbfounded, too, since I don't usually
use undocumented code.

Here is my question. Was this ever documented? Does
anyone else know about this?

Cheers,

David

P.S. You can tell this is an old IDL keyword, because
CALLS obviously stands for "CALLSTACK", and yet you
can't use "CALLSTACK". This is one of my favorite pet
peeves about IDL, but I think the programmer who used
to do this all the time has now moved on.
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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")