
Subject: Re: number problem

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 10 Jul 2008 15:12:50 GMT

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d.poreh@gmail.com wrote:

> On Jul 10, 4:50 pm, Spon <christoph.b...@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On Jul 10, 3:22 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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>>> Paul van Delst writes:

>>>> Think about what this line is doing:

>>>> > a=0&b=0&c=0&d=0&e=0&f=0

>>>> ...and how you subsequently use the variables.

>>> This is why I love this newsgroup. I couldn't possibly

>>> be this gentle this morning. :-)

>>> Cheers,

>>> David

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>>> David Fanning, Ph.D.

>>> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

>>> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>

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

>> I think this:

>> dist=(dblarr(10000))

>> dist(count)=f

>>

>> could potentially cause major headaches as there's an in-built IDL

>> function called DIST. I don't know how rigorous IDL is about checking

>> if something's a local variable before assuming it's a function -

>> you'd probably get away with it - but it's not something I'd like to

>> risk...

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>> In general, this looks like another case for Read_ASCII and

>> ASCII_Template, to be honest. This is another wheel that doesn't need

>> reinventing, IMHO :-)

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>> Regards

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> yes that was the problem!!1

> it is works properly.but for lat-lon data as you can see it is not:

> 499690.96 3387795.6

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> i need more details like this

> 499690.95879779 3387795.57157002

Now you need to read the IDL help manual section entitled: "Format Codes"

It is available via

IDL Programmers' Guides > Application Programming > Part II: Components of the IDL Language > Files and Input/Output

The visual and internal representation of a floating point number are two very different things.

Yea verily, here endeth the lesson.

:o)

cheers,

paulv

p.s. FWIW, this exact same question occurs quite regularly in the Fortran newsgroup as well.
