
Subject: Re: number problem

Posted by [Spon](#) on Thu, 10 Jul 2008 14:50:47 GMT

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

> 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.

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

> be this gentle this morning. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> 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...

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 :-)

Regards
