
Subject: Why so serious?

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Usually this group is deep into vectorization, optimization, and so on... except for David's occasional asides on tennis. However, does anybody have any interesting/funny/random/ IDL code that makes your programs more enjoyable to use? As a VERY simple example:

```
function stupid_error_message
output=['I do not like you',$
       'This program has many bugs, stop whining!',$
       'Are you an idiot?',$
       'Why did you do that?',$
       'Please stop crashing the program!']
return,output[fix(randomu(seed)*5)]
end
```

The output array is sanitized for general consumption, usually I'm a bit more explicit...but you get the idea. I like the option of generating random insults when users cause my stuff to break, though typically it's my fault.

Take care,
frank
