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Subject: Multiple conditionals

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Hi,

I guess I can not shock you IDL old stagers with this but for an IDL newbie like me this seems quite strange:

```
IDL> if 1 eq (1 or 2) then print, "true" else print, "false"
```

```
false
```

```
IDL> if "a" eq ("a" or "b") then print, "true" else print, "false"
```

```
true
```

Maybe that's the IDL-way of punishing people to addle to type the long version:

```
IDL> if ("a" eq "a" or "a" eq "b") then print, "true" else print, "false"
```

```
true
```

```
IDL> if (1 eq 1 or 1 eq 2) then print, "true" else print, "false"
```

```
true
```

Can anyone explain the logic behind this behavior to me?

Regards

Bernhard

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