
Subject: Re: bug or feature?

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lbnc@lbnc.de schrieb:

> Hi there,
>
> in the IDL 6.3 documentation it says:
>
> Dollar Sign (\$)
> The dollar sign at the end of a line indicates that the current
> statement is continued on the following line. The dollar sign
> character can appear anywhere a space is legal except within a string
> constant or between a function name and the first open parenthesis.
> Any number of continuation lines are allowed.
>
> So I do:
>
> IDL>plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor = 4
>
> Lovely! However:
>
> IDL>plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor \$
> plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor \$

make sure if it happens also after you have started idl or did a .reset.

cheers

Reimar

> ^
> IDL: PLOT: Incorrect number of arguments.
>
> plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor \$
> ^
> IDL: Syntax error.
>
> No good. But I can do:
>
> IDL>plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor = \$
> IDL> 4
>
> So anyway, seems like the documentation is wrong. Maybe. Depends how
> you define "string constant" but I would not include the assign
> operator "=" as part of it.
>

> Come to think of it, I should probably report that to ITTVIS instead
> of posting it here...
>
> Cheers
> Lasse
