
Subject: Re: Checking version number

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 12 Jun 2009 22:01:36 GMT

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On Jun 12, 5:28 pm, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

> I don't like to write version-dependent code, but with the improved PS
> driver in IDL 7.1 I would like to keep my old workarounds for 24-bit
> color available.

>

> The quantity stored in !VERSION is a string

>

> IDL> help, !version.release

> <Expression> STRING = '7.1'

>

> But this is not simple to convert to a number, because there are
> instances like this

>

I have always found that just using a string comparison works fine
(no need to convert to a number), even with subversions e.g.

if !VERSION.RELEASE GE '7.1' THEN ...

Of course this might begin to fail with Version 10... --Wayne
