
Subject: Re: Question about user input in IDL
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 10 Jul 2009 19:28:46 GMT
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Joanna writes:

> Hi, thanks for the response...I actually figured out a way to make it
> work using an if loop. I just said if x eq 'alpha' then a=alpha, and
> then stuck that a into the function I was actually using on the data
> and it worked. Thanks again!

Well, then, here is one of your first programming lessons: There are typically *many* ways to do the job in software. The only trick is to learn how to be either as elegant or as efficient (depends on your personality) as possible. It takes a while. Try to pick good mentors. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. To determine if you tend toward "elegance" or "efficiency", try watching a replay of the 2008 Wimbledon tennis final and see if you find yourself rooting for Federer or Nadal. That should give you a pretty good clue.

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
