
Subject: Re: Unhelpful Help Messages

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2009 00:57:06 GMT

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On Aug 26, 6:22 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,
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> Having spent more time this week than I wanted to learning
> that "too many array elements" really means "you are
> *totally* confusing me with that binsize that isn't
> really a number", I thought I might work on an article
> this weekend on "Unhelpful Help Messages".
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> This could be one of those articles that grows over time,
> but I thought I might ask if anyone else has a favorite
> Unhelpful Help Message they would like to share. Another
> one I deal with on an almost weekly basis is a "syntax
> error" when someone hasn't put the Coyote Library on their
> IDL path correctly. This one particularly confuses new
> users.
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> Any others?
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> Cheers,
>
> David
> --
> David Fanning, Ph.D.
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

This is one that makes sense to me, but is probably the top confused question I get from people:

% Loop limit expression too large for loop variable type.

(e.g. "for i=0,500000" instead of "for i=0L,500000")

-Jeremy.
