
Subject: Re: Unhelpful Help Messages

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

- > 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.

I am often momentarily confused when I run a procedure where the procedure name and file name differ. For example, if my file "test.pro" contains

```
pro newtest
print,'hello world'
return
end
```

and then I run it

```
IDL> test
% Compiled module: TEST.
% Attempt to call undefined procedure/function: 'TEST'.
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

which makes it seem like procedure "test" has been successfully compiled, but procedure "test" doesn't exist.

(I suppose the IDL error message is technically correct that the *module* 'test' does exist but the procedure/function 'test' does not.)

--Wayne
