Subject: Unhelpful Help Messages

Posted by David Fanning on Wed, 26 Aug 2009 22:22:03 GMT

Folks,

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".

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.

Any others?

Cheers,

David
--
David Fanning, Ph.D.
Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")