
Subject: Re: while loop crashes

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On 6/1/10 4:27 AM, lila hadji wrote:

> Actually, when you want to run a script, you can remove the pro line,
> and add (optionally) \$Main\$ at the beginning (to speed up the
> performances)

I don't think your \$Main\$ line is doing anything, \$ is the continuation character in functions/procedures/main-level program and any characters that appear after it are ignored. For example:

```
pro test
```

```
  $This is a really confusing comment
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```
  print, 5  
end
```

This "continues" a blank line with the following blank line, making a valid (blank) IDL statement.

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