Subject: Re: passing string parameter
Posted by Tim Patterson on Thu, 17 Oct 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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daytime visitor ssg login wrote:
>
> Hello, I want to write a small help procedure to display breif summaries
> of home made commands.
>
> IDL> helpme, command_name_string
>
> Is there a way to pass command_name_string to the procedure helpme
> without quotes?
>
> George McCabe, george@replica.gsfc.nasa.gov

if the command is for example, sortnames, I don't think
it's possible to pass it into a procedure as

 IDL> helpme, sortnames

(as you'vbe obviously discovered! :)

You have to use

 IDL> helpme, 'sortnames'

Or do it in two stages

 IDL> sortnames='sortnames'
 IDL> helpme, sortnames

You could use this second method by having a file that
initialises the helpme tool. This file could define
string variables containing the command names e.g.

 ;; list of commands
 sortnames = 'sortnames'
 printnames = 'printnames'
 anothercommand = 'anothercommand'

and so on

Then when you start IDL, the user enters

 IDL > @helpme_init

to define all the variables and thereafter he

can just use the helpme system as

 IDL> helpme, printnames

and so on. Not elegant, but it should work ok.

Maybe somebody will come up with a better idea! Be interesting
to see

  Tim

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