
Subject: IDL Editor question

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Hello,

I am a relatively new user of IDL, and I've noticed that the reference manuals and the on-line help don't have much to say on the IDL Editor window. I was wondering where I might be able to find information this part of the software.

My immediate question is this: I wrote a simple program to emulate Matlab's 'polyval' function, which takes as arguments an array of coefficients for a polynomial (such as that supplied by POLY_FIT) and an arbitrary vector of x-values, and calculates the curve $f(x)$. It's a pretty simple program, about 5 lines long, but when I tried to compile and run it, the IDL Editor window popped up with a green arrow next to one of the lines. What does this mean? I don't think it signals an error; the line works when entered from the command line, and besides, I've had the editor pop up with a red dot next to a line with an error in it, which worked fine once the error was fixed. So what does the green arrow mean?

Help with this question would be appreciated, but if you could tell me where I could find general instructions on the use of the Editor, that would be more helpful in the long run. Maybe there's a chapter in the manuals that I missed?

And, as long as I'm here, I have another, probably simpler question. Is there a way to clear all variables from the working area at once, without naming them all explicitly ("delvar, a, b, c, d, ...")? DELVAR doesn't seem to have a keyword for this, although it would be nice if there were one, "delvar, /all" or something like that.

Thanks,

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