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Subject: Re: Stop program in IDL 6.2

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 2010 16:54:09 GMT

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Ammar Yusuf writes:

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> No, it's just a simple program:
>
> for i = 0L, 10000 do begin
>   index = total(findgen(1000000))
> endfor
>
> print, index
>
> end
>
> Of course it takes a few minutes to compute. It's just a test program
> and when I run it through IDL 6.2 I want to stop execution in the
> middle but that doesn't work by hitting pause/break on the computer or
> control c but that doesn't work. I have to wait for the program to
> stop executing or hit a stop statement to suspend. Thanks.
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No, a FOR loop is a single command to the IDL interpreter. It doesn't look for a CNTL-C until after it is out of the loop and looking for the next command. If the interpreter looked for control characters inside of FOR loops, they would be slower than they already are. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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