Subject: Re: IDL- variable variable names Posted by davidf on Thu, 07 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hendrik Roepcke <alpha@jungle.toppoint.de> writes:

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> i want to play with IDL Variable names.....Look:

> a=10

> b="a"

> c=print,MAGIC("b")

> if c eq 10 then print," its magic!"

> So: How to programm this function MAGIC????

This looks like deja vu all over again. Here is the answer: Ain't no way, no how!
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But..., I got about this close:

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FUNCTION MAGIC, file
number = 0
ok = EXECUTE(file + ' = 0')
RESTORE, file
RETURN, number
END

IDL> a = 10
IDL> number = a
IDL> Save, a, number, Filename='a'
IDL> b = 'a'
IDL> c = Magic(b)
IDL> IF c EQ 10 THEN Print, "It's magic!"

It's magic!
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Sometimes I go about pitying myself, and all along my

soul is being blown by great winds across the sky.

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