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Subject: Happy Reasons to use IDL 8.1

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Folks,

I've discovered another happy reason to love IDL 8.1 this morning. I couldn't figure out why a main-level program wouldn't compile. It didn't like this line:

```
img = Image(image, ...)
```

Apparently, you can't define an image variable with the name "image" and then use it as the argument to the Image function.

I find it hard to believe. But just renaming my image variable to "bob" solved the problem. :-(

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say that something is going to have to be done about IDL name space soon, or IDL is going to become unusable. It may already be unusable for many SolarSoft users. :-(

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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

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