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Subject: Re: Compilation Error: Procedure header must appear first and only once  
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 29 Jun 2011 21:39:32 GMT

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On 6/29/11 1:11 PM, Maegereg wrote:

> On 6/29/11 11:30 AM, Michael Galloy wrote:

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>> These errors are usually indicative that you think you are calling a

>> function, but IDL thinks you are indexing an array. I would use

>> "compile\_opt strictarr" at the beginning of each routine \*and\* only use

>> square brackets to index the array.

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> It works! All the compile errors disappeared when I added compile\_opt strictarr to their functions. Thank you very much for your help. I would not have thought to try that in a thousand years.

Glad that fixed it! Yes, errors of this type of problem can be very difficult to track down: "syntax error" doesn't give you much to go on. I use "compile\_opt strictarr" always just so that I don't get stumped by this error every once in a while.

Mike

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