
Subject: Re: Hey! Pssst! Wanna see something wierd?
Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Mon, 03 Feb 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

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>  
> Alright you IDL gurus. Explain this!  
>  
>   number = STRING(10)  
>   FOR j=0, number DO PRINT, 'Cool...!'  
>  
> Weird, huh. IDL reads my mind! :-)  
>
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Seems easy to explain, the string value is simply converted to integer type because 0 is of that type, to prove this, try these three options...

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FOR j=0, number DO Help, j
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FOR j=0L, number DO Help, j
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FOR j=0., number DO Help, j
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"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use."
-Galileo
