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Subject: Re: Hey! Pssst! Wanna see something wierd?

Posted by [pit](#) on Mon, 03 Feb 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <davidf-ya023080003101971818290001@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:

> Alright you IDL gurus. Explain this!

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> number = STRING(10)

> FOR j=0, number DO PRINT, 'Cool...!'

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> Weird, huh. IDL reads my mind! :-)

Sorry, I don't get the point. What's so strange about IDL recognizing the string '10' as a number? It's doing it since long. It is even "smart" enough to do:

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IDL> print,fix('10asd')
```

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10
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Even cooler, eh?

Peter

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