On Wednesday, October 3, 2012 5:41:16 PM UTC-6, David Fanning wrote:
> David Fanning writes:
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> By the way, I do note a positive development in the IDL
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> language itself. You can now use a START keyword with all
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> the INDGEN functions:
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>   Print, Indgen(10, Start=5)
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> It's 7 more keystrokes than the old way of doing this:
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>   Print, Indgen(10) + 5
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> But, it's a LOT more elegant! And, I'm happy the developers
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> are spending my maintenance dollars wisely.
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David,

The START keyword came about from the discussion in this thread earlier this year:

   https://groups.google.com/d/msg/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/RYPTjDB KHoI/zYJ_n9gRn4MJ

where Chris explains his rationale for adding it:

"It's much faster to specify START than to add an offset to the indgen after you've created it."

Regards,
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