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Subject: Re: Getting error when running a routine using @ in IDL.

Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Wed, 04 Feb 2015 15:25:41 GMT

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On Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 5:21:46 AM UTC-6, Fabien wrote:

> Hi,

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> at some point in the script you test for variable "type" being either  
> 'BRIGHT', 'MEDIUM', or 'FAINT'. It seems that at run-time, the variable  
> type was something else than those three possibilities.

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> As a side note, these kind of scripts are quite bad coding practice, IDL  
> provides functions, procedures and even classes today ;-)

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> Cheers

I'll add this too: it's ALWAYS a good idea to include a ELSE clause in the a CASE statement. This is exactly why - when no matches are found.

And, I can't agree with Fabien more: this way of coding is a best messy, and at worse poor coding practice. Just as a practical matter, all those line break/continuation characters would drive me crazy ;-)

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