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Subject: Re: Errors when compiling routines with main-level programs

Posted by [PMan](#) on Mon, 23 Feb 2015 13:56:57 GMT

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On Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 2:52:33 PM UTC-5, Paul Mallas wrote:

> Look into the STATIC keyword - you can create an object that has a bunch of static functions that should address your problem.

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> On Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 10:53:12 AM UTC-5, Matthew Argall wrote:

>> I have adopted the practice of putting main-level programs below utility functions to demonstrate their use. The problem is, only one such routine can be compiled manually at a time, and it must come at the end of the compile list. It can get pretty annoying. Here is a simple example:

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>> IDL> .compile uniq, mruniq

>> % Compiled module: UNIQ.

>> % Compiled module: MRUNIQ.

>> % Compiled module: \$MAIN\$.

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>> IDL> .compile mruniq, uniq

>> % Compiled module: MRUNIQ.

>> % Compiled module: \$MAIN\$.

>> % End of file encountered before end of program. File: mruniq.pro

>>

>> function UNIQ, ARRAY, IDX

>>                   ^

>> % Procedure header must appear first and only once: UNIQ

>> At: /Applications/exelis/idl82/lib/uniq.pro, Line 68

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>> if (s[0] eq 0) then return, 0 ;A scalar

>>                   ^

>> % Return statement in procedures can't have values.

>> At: /Applications/exelis/idl82/lib/uniq.pro, Line 73

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>> else return, n\_elements(q)-1

>>                   ^

>> % Return statement in procedures can't have values.

>> At: /Applications/exelis/idl82/lib/uniq.pro, Line 78

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>> else return, n\_elements(q)-1

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>> At: /Applications/exelis/idl82/lib/uniq.pro, Line 78

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>> else return, n\_elements(ARRAY)-1

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>> % Return statement in procedures can't have values.

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>> At: /Applications/exelis/idl82/lib/uniq.pro, Line 82
>>
>>     else return, n_elements(ARRAY)-1
>>                               ^
>> % Return statement in procedures can't have values.
>> At: /Applications/exelis/idl82/lib/uniq.pro, Line 82
>> % 6 Compilation error(s) in module $MAIN$.
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>> Is there a fix for this? Or should I not be putting main-level programs at the end of functions
and procedures?
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I meant compiler options, not keyword for static.  
[http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/Static\\_Methods.html](http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/Static_Methods.html)

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