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Subject: Re: Minor obscure error message

Posted by [Yngvar Larsen](#) on Wed, 02 Sep 2015 07:36:37 GMT

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On Tuesday, 1 September 2015 23:50:09 UTC+2, Dick Jackson wrote:

> Hi Wayne,

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> I think this is why: if there is an "&" indicating multiple statements, then "implied print" is not attempted at all on any of them.

Apparently you are right. But then the question is: why not? Is there a compelling reason why expressions on a single line separated by "&" can't be treated separately, with implied print where relevant? E.g. something like this:

```
IDL> !pi & a = 1 & !dpi & b = 0
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3.1415927
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3.1415926535897931
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```
IDL> a, b
```

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1
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0
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Yngvar

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