
Subject: Re: IDL Poetry

Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Wed, 30 Mar 2016 20:33:16 GMT

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On 03/24/2016 04:21 PM, wlandsman wrote:

> I had a big smile reading Mike Galloy's "Tao of IDL" blog post this morning.

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> <http://michaelgalloy.com/2016/03/22/philosophy-of-idl.html>

>

Haha, great one, thanks!! When I read:

> Backwards compatibility is great!

> But it doesn't mean you should index arrays with parentheses forever.

I had to think of that one:

```
IDL> l = list([1,2,3], 'test')
```

```
IDL> l[0][1]
```

```
l[0][1]  
      ^
```

% Syntax error.

Here I would welcome the loss of backwards compatibility ;-)

Cheers,

Fabien
