
Subject: A Minor Addition to IDL Syntax

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Hi,

Often I need to make variable length lists in IDL. To do this I like to use the concatenate syntax. For example to put array y on the end of x I use:

```
x=[x,y]
```

The problem with this is it fails if x is not defined. I think it would be nice if when x is undefined then `x=[x,y]` automatically becomes `x=y`.

Can anyone think of a reason for not modifying IDL to allow this? Or is there a better way to make lists?

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