
Subject: Old Timers ??

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Hello all,

I've got some legacy code I'm trying to update and it looks like:

```
; Read text header from file
; until 'end header' reached.
;-----
line = ""
header = ""
repeat begin
    readf, unit, line
    if (n_elements(header) eq 0) then $
        begin
            header = line
        endif else $
        begin
            header = [header,line]
        endelse
endrep until (strtrim(line,2) eq 'end header')

;-----
; Close file.
;-----
close, unit & free_lun, unit

;-----
;Get relevant info from the header.
;-----
dda_header.file_id = $
    strtrim( get_keyword( header, 'file ID'), 2)
```

This code is circa 95 and it's balking at the `get_keyword()` function. So my questions are two:

- 1) Did previous versions of IDL have a `get_keyword()` (I'm 5.3 now)?
- 2) It's clear this code is simulating a HASH with Arrays, does IDL 5.3 have native hash support of some kind?

Thanks,
