Subject: Correct format of "included" files (using "at" sign)
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I'm trying to use the "at" sign (the $%^&*! 'xrn' editor won't let
me type it!) to substitute some code into IDL. The procedure is
tersely described on p. 2-7 of the User's Guide for v3.1. I'm
getting a problem that I think has to do with the format of the
code I'm including. It is an IF_THEN_ELSE block with no header
line (like PRO ... or FUNCTION ...) and no trailer lines (like
RETURN, END, EXIT). If I run the routine that invokes the code
substitution, I get syntax errors in the first lines following the
invocation. If I add a line saying 'END' to the substituted code,
I get dropped back to the IDL> prompt at the end of the substituted
code.

Can anyone tell me what I should be doing differently? I've read
the manual and the FAQ, but no luck. If anyone can help me with
this, we should put the disseminated knowledge into the FAQ.

Thanks to all. Perhaps a posted response is appropriate, since
the question may be of general interest.

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