
Subject: Somewhat flummoxed: 'Expression must be a scalar in this context'

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I'm a bit flummoxed by an error given by IDL -

without going into too much detail of the source I'm calling a function

with no arguments and the following happens:

```
% Expression must be a scalar in this context: <BYTE    Array[1]>.
```

```
% Execution halted at: EVAL_FIT_S    202 /home/eme/programs/main.idl
```

```
%          MAKE_FIT_ARRAY_S  311 /home/eme/programs/main.idl
```

```
.... and lots of similar lines
```

Bit bemused because it happens under IDL 5.4 on an Alpha, but runs fine on IDL 5.5a on Linux.

Any suggestions or hints?

Thanks,

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Edd
