
Subject: building loops at the command line
Posted by [rlayberry](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 2004 09:56:24 GMT
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> Don't try to build loops at the IDL command line. :-)

Why not, just out of interest? I do it all the time because i can test sections of code quickly without compiling and running. I am prepared to believe there is some pitfall I am missing, but what is it?

Cheers

Russ

Subject: Re: building loops at the command line
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 2004 12:23:48 GMT
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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: building loops at the command line
Posted by [George N. White III](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:52:45 GMT
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On Tue, 14 Dec 2004, David Fanning wrote:

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Then there are the informative error messages one gets with a little caret pointing to the exact location of your error somewhere in half a screen of wrapped text.

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