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. :-)

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Cheers

Russ

Subject: Re: building loops at the command line Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 14 Dec 2004 12:23:48 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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David

David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting, Inc. Covote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.dfanning.com/

Subject: Re: building loops at the command line Posted by George N. White III on Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:52:45 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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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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