
Subject: stop oddity

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About a year ago, I wrote about a strange behavior of the stop procedure but obviously did not gain much insight since then. Right now I encountered the problem again and wanted to nail it down using a small main program

```
print,'This is a test'  
stop  
print,'Hello world'  
end
```

This what I get in the terminal where the problem occurs

```
IDL> .r test  
% Compiled module: $MAIN$.  
This is a test  
% Stop encountered: $MAIN$          2 /home/stecklum/test.pro  
IDL> .c  
% Stop encountered: $MAIN$          2 /home/stecklum/test.pro  
IDL>
```

The code simply does not continue with the program execution. I have to admit that other code was running in that terminal before but without explicitly affecting program control settings. For a fresh session in another terminal the program behaves like it should

```
IDL> .r test  
% Compiled module: $MAIN$.  
This is a test  
% Stop encountered: $MAIN$          2 /home/stecklum/test.pro  
IDL> .c  
Hello world  
IDL>
```

This leaves me puzzled. IDLHELP says that .cont continues (if possible). I hope some of you know what makes the difference.

Regards, Bringfried
