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Subject: Re: IDL help error for Scale3 procedure.  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2009 20:11:26 GMT  
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Coyote tells me it happens to him fairly frequently, but only after he has been hitting the peyote buttons.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Posted by [astroboy2k](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 16:41:50 GMT  
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But, but, scale3 is on page 124 in the second edition of David's book!  
Heresy! Heresy, I say!

Seriously, I'd think scale3 was verboten and crashed help for obscure reasons, except that it actually works on code I recently wrote. I'm not sure if it's actually doing anything, or doing what it's supposed to, but at least it doesn't crash the program.

Well, I was able to look up the documentation on the web. Just sort of a strange thing to have happened. I've never run across that before.