
Subject: bug or feature?

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Hi there,

in the IDL 6.3 documentation it says:

Dollar Sign (\$)

The dollar sign at the end of a line indicates that the current statement is continued on the following line. The dollar sign character can appear anywhere a space is legal except within a string constant or between a function name and the first open parenthesis. Any number of continuation lines are allowed.

So I do:

```
IDL>plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor  = 4
```

Lovely! However:

```
IDL>plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor $
plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor $
^
```

IDL: PLOT: Incorrect number of arguments.

```
plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor $
^
```

IDL: Syntax error.

No good. But I can do:

```
IDL>plot, indgen(23), indgen(23), xminor  = $
IDL> 4
```

So anyway, seems like the documentation is wrong. Maybe. Depends how you define "string constant" but I would not include the assign operator "=" as part of it.

Come to think of it, I should probably report that to ITTVIS instead of posting it here...

Cheers
Lasse
