
Subject: Checking version number

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I don't like to write version-dependent code, but with the improved PS driver in IDL 7.1 I would like to keep my old workarounds for 24-bit color available.

The quantity stored in !VERSION is a string

```
IDL> help, !version.release
```

```
<Expression>  STRING  = '7.1'
```

But this is not simple to convert to a number, because there are instances like this

```
IDL> help, !version.release
```

```
<Expression>  STRING  = '6.4.1'
```

Is there an easy way to test whether the version is greater than or equal to 7.1?

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