
Subject: Unhelpful Help Messages

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Folks,

Having spent more time this week than I wanted to learning that "too many array elements" really means "you are *totally* confusing me with that binsize that isn't really a number", I thought I might work on an article this weekend on "Unhelpful Help Messages".

This could be one of those articles that grows over time, but I thought I might ask if anyone else has a favorite Unhelpful Help Message they would like to share. Another one I deal with on an almost weekly basis is a "syntax error" when someone hasn't put the Coyote Library on their IDL path correctly. This one particularly confuses new users.

Any others?

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)

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