
Subject: checking the data type in IDL

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Hi,

In the middle of my IDL program, I need to check the type of a variable in order to decide what to do with it. I mean, I have to check whether variable1 is a STRING or FLOAT (for example). Like this:

```
IF variable1 'is STRING' do .....  
else do ...
```

Of course "help, variable1" will not help as it shows the answer on the consol and I can't use it that way. If anybody knows how to do so, please let me know. Thanks.

Cheers
