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Subject: Re: how can I get the name of a variable as a string?

Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 2010 20:46:49 GMT

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regards,  
Lajos

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Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 2010 20:49:15 GMT

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Yes, the IDL\_VarName routine you saw is part of IDL's internal API  
(i.e., if you are interfacing with IDL in C).

Mike

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Posted by [fgg](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 2010 21:23:36 GMT

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Thanks, guys!

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