Subject: Strange IDL string bug Posted by Justin Baker on Wed, 09 Aug 1995 07:00:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I have discovered an unusual bug with IDL strings (IDL V4.0) and was wondering if anyone else has seen it.

The IDL User's Guide says strings can be delimied with either a ' or " character. I was trying to use this method to include quotes in my string variables. e.g

IDL> arr\_str = "arr = ['a','b','c']"
IDL> result = execute(arr\_str)

I quickly discovered that there seems to be a problem with " quoted strings if they start with a digit.

IDL> ok\_string='12345'
IDL> bad\_sting="678910" ^
% Syntax error.

Can anyone shed any light on this problem?

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