
Subject: Re: IDL refuse to acknowledge anything but integers...

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 27 Mar 2012 15:07:23 GMT

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Julien writes:

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I'm pretty sure IDL was trying to follow the matrix multiplication thread from the past couple of days. This is **exactly** what happens!

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: IDL refuse to acknowledge anything but integers...

Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Tue, 27 Mar 2012 15:26:54 GMT

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On Tuesday, March 27, 2012 4:51:03 PM UTC+2, Julien wrote:

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The output suggests that you have a decimal comma instead of a decimal dot. Try 'print, 1,23'

regards,
Lajos

Subject: Re: IDL refuse to acknowledge anything but integers...

Posted by [sara.magrin](#) on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 15:07:10 GMT

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Hi all,
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Both with IDLDE and command line I find everything correct at the beginning:

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How can I fix it?
Is there a system variable to set for the floating-POINT?

Anyway no problem if I call `DIALOG_PICKFILE(/directory)`, instead.

regards,
Sara

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Il giorno martedì 27 marzo 2012 17:26:54 UTC+2, fawltyl...@gmail.com ha scritto:

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Subject: Re: IDL refuse to acknowledge anything but integers...
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 15:16:42 GMT
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sara.magrin@gmail.com writes:

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Cheers,

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Subject: Re: IDL refuse to acknowledge anything but integers...
Posted by [sara.magrin](#) on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 15:48:44 GMT
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Dear David,

no way, but thanks.

The problem is that it changes the language (or whatever) in the middle of a script.
After `dialog_pickfile()`, it seems. Or at least this is the first line where I find this problem in one of my old scripts (they obviously all worked well till some months ago, with the very same pc, with the very same idl version).

Even if I could start IDL in a given language (and I cannot: the "-nl en" after the shortcut target gives me an error) maybe I would prefer to be able to reset to the default language inside a script.

Anyway, tomorrow I will try to re-install IDL and see.
Maybe it is only a problem with the "java world" of eclipse..
If I find something useful I'll let you know.

Thanks again,
Sara

Il giorno lunedì 18 novembre 2013 16:16:42 UTC+1, David Fanning ha scritto:

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Subject: Re: IDL refuse to acknowledge anything but integers...

Posted by [sara.magrin](#) on Tue, 19 Nov 2013 13:26:25 GMT

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Dear all,

I reinstalled idl in both version available at my dept. at University: 7.1 and 8.2

with 7.1 again the same problem I wrote you yesterday (I had 7.1 till yesterday).

with 8.2 no problem.

I live in Italy so by default we have "european" decimal comma instead of a point.

By changing this small little option on my settings on windows control panel everything works prefectly, now, with both versions.

Now my old procedures work well, as they did some months ago.

It seems that this `dialog_pickfile()` function request an external "something" (from java or from the operative system?) that gives back to idl even my windows language settings.

This means also that all my applications and softwares NOW work with the decimal-point instead of the decimal-comma (excel for example), but this is ok for me.

This change also helped one of my colleagues that some week ago found that "wset" was not working anymore on her idl (again 7.1).

Now everything works also for her.

hoping to be useful...

Sara

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