
Subject: IDL Poetry
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 24 Mar 2016 15:21:38 GMT
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<http://michaelgalloy.com/2016/03/22/philosophy-of-idl.html>

Subject: Re: IDL Poetry
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 24 Mar 2016 15:25:19 GMT
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On 3/24/16 9:21 am, wlandsman wrote:

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"Poetry" might be an ambitious claim.

Mike

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Modern IDL: A Guide to IDL Programming (<http://modernidl.idldev.com>)

Subject: Re: IDL Poetry
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Wed, 30 Mar 2016 20:33:16 GMT
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On 03/24/2016 04:21 PM, wlandsman wrote:

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Haha, great one, thanks!! When I read:

> Backwards compatibility is great!
> But it doesn't mean you should index arrays with parentheses forever.

I had to think of that one:

```
IDL> l = list([1,2,3], 'test')  
IDL> l[0][1]
```

```
l[0][1]
      ^
```

% Syntax error.

Here I would welcome the loss of backwards compatibility ;-)

Cheers,

Fabien

Subject: Re: IDL Poetry

Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Wed, 30 Mar 2016 21:40:21 GMT

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On Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 10:33:19 PM UTC+2, Fabien wrote:

```
> IDL> l = list([1,2,3], 'test')
> IDL> l[0][1]
>
> l[0][1]
>      ^
> % Syntax error.
>
> Here I would welcome the loss of backwards compatibility ;-)
```

```
IDL> l = list([1,2,3], 'test')
```

```
IDL> l[0,1]
      2
```

Even less typing :-)

regards,
Lajos

Subject: Re: IDL Poetry

Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Thu, 31 Mar 2016 10:56:08 GMT

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On 03/30/2016 11:40 PM, fawltlanguage@gmail.com wrote:

```
> IDL> l = list([1,2,3], 'test')
> IDL> l[0,1]
>      2
>
> Even less typing:-)
```

>
> regards,
> Lajos

Ah! I always forget about this one. Maybe because it looks funny:

```
IDL> l = list(hash('a', 1), 'test')
IDL> l[0, 'a']
      1
```

Thanks for reminding me ;)
