
Subject: Re: Speaking of loops
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Kelly Dean (krdean@lamar.colostate.edu) writes:

> What is the best way to stop an endless loop in IDL due to bad
> programming?
>
> 1) Kill IDL
> 2) CNTL-C (sometimes works)
>
> Looking for some suggestions ----

Most of my endless loops occur when I make programming errors in my CATCH error handlers. :-(So my favorite way to get out of them is:

CATCH, /CANCEL

as the FIRST line of every CATCH error handling routine I write.

This is followed closely by CTRL-ALT-DELETE. :-)

CTRL-C doesn't usually work because most loops are a single command to the IDL compiler and IDL doesn't check for interrupts until the end of each command it executes.

Cheers,

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