
Subject: Re: problem with arrays of structures

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Theo Brauers wrote:

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>
> Hi.
>
> I was trying to copy the contents of an array to an
> element of an array of structures:
>
>     FUNCTION test2, str
>     r = { a: ", b:1.}
>     i=n_elements(str)
>     r2 = replicate(r, i)
>     help, r2, r2.a
>     r2.a=str      ; <-----
>     r2.b=float(str)
>     return, r2
>     END
>
> works fine with
>     x=test2('100')
>     x=test2(['100', '101'])
>
> but fails with
>     x=test2(['100'])
>
> Whats am I doing wrong? Or does IDL wrong with
> array of one element?
>
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Hi Theo,

you have to use str(0) in the case of 1 element. Replace the marked lines with

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if (i gt 1) then r2.a=str else r2.a=str(0)
if (i gt 1) then r2.b=float(str) else r2.b=float(str(0))
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BTW: you are here quite frequently now. Is Franz R. not around ? ;-)

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