
Subject: Automatic structure definition..

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I see that IDL v 5 adds one feature that I've longed for
- automatic structure definition (automatic search for
and execution of a <structure_name>__define procedure
whenever a {<structure_name>} statement is referring
to an as yet undefined structure).

But one question: Why haven't the "builtin" structures
been built in by this method? If I do e.g.:

```
IDL> help,{widget_draw}  
% Attempt to call undefined procedure/function: 'WIDGET_DRAW__DEFINE'.  
% Structure type not defined: WIDGET_DRAW.  
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

It would make life so much simpler if RSI were to supply
such routines..... please?

Regards,

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