
Subject: Re: Structure in argument #2 -> With IDL ActiveX control
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> I understand that it is impossible to pass a entire structure from IDL to VB. But,
> why can't I just pass the value of one field of a structure like this:
>
> Example: MyVB_variable = IDLDrawWidget.GetNamedData("MyIDL_structure.my_variable")
>
> It would be _very_ useful!

> Skiso

Oh agreed. That is annoying. I've always had to assign to some variable and then retrieve the data like:

```
IDLDrawWidget.ExecuteStr( "x = MyIDL_structure.my_variable" )  
MyVB_Variable = IDLDrawWidget.GetNamedData( "x" )
```

Definately seems to be a round about way of doing things. Funny thing is, I've seen similar behavior in places in IDL (not involving ActiveX). Like.. (and maybe this is just me being a moron), I can't do this:

```
READU, Lun, Struct.X
```

It doesn't seem to assign anything to Struct.X. What I always end up doing is something like this:

```
READU, Lun, X  
Struct.X = X
```

Pretty annoying. It's one of those things I never thought about reporting because I assumed it was a "feature" of some sort. One I could do without. Oh and ya, the structure and X and everything is defined prior to the READU.

I have 3 activex related bugs still awaiting resolution right now. They didn't make it into 5.2, so now I have to wait at least until... what? 5.2.1? OH well.

Welp, I've babbled long enough, ttyl8r.

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