
Subject: Re: delvar

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Alex Schuster <alex@rosa.mpin-koeln.mpg.de> writes:

> Dominic Zarro wrote:

>> The following may not guarantee that a variable
>> is permanently deleted from IDL memory, but it
>> is useful for undefining the variable:

>>

>> IDL> a = temporary(a)

> Um, you didn't actually try this, did you? ;-)

I think that what Dominic was trying to say here was that if you wrote a simple routine along the lines

```
pro delete_variable, variable  
dummy = temporary(variable)  
end
```

you could then delete a variable by saying

```
delete_variable, a
```

I know that we've been doing that for a while now, using a similar procedure that Dominic wrote. I don't know how this would work with pointer variables, but it sounds like Dominic's on top of that, too.

Bill Thompson
