Hi,
Is there a nice way to convert hexadecimal variables? Here's what I am
trying to do:

This is received from the outside.
    h_string = '40000FC0DA'

    h_long = long(h_string)
This, obviously, fails to recognize alphabetical hexadecimal part and
sets h_long to 40,000.

    temp = execute("h_long = long(' "+h_string+" 'x)")
This, naturally, works, setting h_long to the desired 1032410, but looks
quite ugly. Besides, it is 3 times slower than without "execute" - not
really a concern on fast machines, but inefficient code just bugs me.

I am sure I am missing something here. Can anyone suggest a neater way
to do this? Maybe, there is a way to use Z-formatted READ here?

Thank you,
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