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Subject: Re: Union in IDL?

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Guido Lemoine wrote:

> Is there a way to convert a bytarr of length N\_TYPE to TYPE?  
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> For instance, if TYPE = DOUBLE (so, N\_TYPE=8), how do I convert the  
> bytarr(8) to DOUBLE. I am looking for something like the UNION  
> construction in C (i.e. which allows you, more or less, to reference a  
> piece of memory as more than one type).  
[...]  
> I need to convert these back to doubles (but double(BYTARR) doesn't  
> work, of course...).

That's right, but double(byte\_array,0) does the trick.

Alex

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