
Subject: Re: Changing elements in structures

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Alvaro wrote:

> I'm making a program that is a HDF viewer. My problem is how to pass
> information between widgets.
> I use a structure to pass the information but the problem is that at start I
> don't know the size of the data, which will be read later from a file. I use
> somethisg like this:
>
> info={filename:"", \$
> data:IntArray(1,1) }
>
> I use IntAr(1,1) because I don't the size until I open the filename
> Can I change the size and also the type (Int to Float or Byte) of the tag
> "data" of the structure?

You cannot change the size of type of a variable in a structure without re-creating the structure.

> Have you got any idea to do this, perhaps using pointers?

;- Define the structure

```
info = {filename:"", data_ptr:ptr_new(1.0)}
```

;- After you've read the data, store it in the structure

```
data = dist(256)
```

```
*info.data_ptr = data
```

;- Use the data

```
data = *info.data_ptr
```

```
tvscI, data
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Cheers,

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