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Subject: Re: Structure field concatenation  
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J.D. Smith ([jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu](mailto:jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu)) writes:

> The best way to stay clear on the issue is to think about pointers as  
> what they are: references to IDL variables which are exactly the same as any  
> other variable except for being hidden ("on the heap") and persistent ("not  
> cleaned up by function/procedure exits"). They do *\*not\** point directly to  
> memory (just as variables like "a" above don't directly map to memory --  
> thankfully for us).

Hear! Hear!

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say that if pointers *\*did\** map directly to memory, I could understand RSI's Unlimited Right to Distribute pricing schedule. And even that probably wouldn't be enough to hire all the technical support people they would need. :-)

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