
Subject: Re: data types

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graham_wilson@my-deja.com wrote:

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> I'm trying to compile a short listing of data types for converting
> between F77, C, and IDL.

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> Below is a listing of what I have but note that I have not filled in all
> of the IDL type. Any and all comments/help is appreciated and my
> apologies to those of you who don't use fixed fonts for reading mail.

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> F77 type C type IDL type Size
> (bytes)

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> byte x	char x	byte	1
> character x	char x	byte	1
> character*n x	char x[n]	bytearr(n)	n
>			
> complex x	struct {float r, i;} x	?	8
> complex*8 x	struct {float r, i;} x	?	8
> double complex x	struct {float dr, di;} x	?	16
> complex*16 x	struct {float dr, di;} x	?	16
> complex*32 x	struct {float dr, di;} x	?	32
>			
> double precision x	double	double	8
> real x	float x	float	4
> real*4 x	float x	float	4
> real*8 x	double x	double	8
> real*16 x	long double x	?	16
>			
> integer x	int x	long	4
> integer*2 x	short x	fix	2
> integer*4 x	int x	long	4
> integer*8 x	long long int x	?	8
>			
> logical x	int x	long	4
> logical*1	char x	byte	1
> logical*2	short x	fix	2
> logical*4	int x	long	4
> logical*8	long long int x	?	8

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> NB: I'm assuming that there are no fancy compiling options given to
> change the alignment or the default sizes.

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> Such a list would be useful as an appendix in one of those IDL books we
> keep hearing about (better still if it had the byte alignment for

> sparc/intel/powerpc/dec/mips...) :p
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> Sent via Deja.com
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IDL's COMPLEX type will match a C struct {float r; float i; } provided a C float is the same as a float in IDL and there is no padding inserted by the C compiler. DCOMPLEX should match struct { double r; double i}. AFAIK IDL does not have a 64 bit float. It does now have LONG64 which should match your integer*8 and long long int.

Your double complex, complex*16 and complex*32 would appear to be inconsistent with your normal complex. Two floats cannot be 8, 16 and 32 bytes!

You don't say which platform your table is for. As I am sure you are aware

ANSI C places very few restrictions on the sizes of the basic types, and no restriction on padding within structures. So you need to be very specific in saying for what platform/compiler/compiler-defaults the values are valid.

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