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Subject: Re: pointer question

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John-David Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> writes:

> On an only slightly related note, does everyone know that you can recover a  
> pointer to a "lost" heap variable using ptr\_valid? Here's an example:

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...

> IDL> a=ptr\_valid(4,/CAST)

> IDL> print,\*a

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So, is there a way to go the \*other\* direction? Which is to say, if  
you have a pointer, can you get its index number? [ not using HELP of  
course. ]

Craig

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