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Subject: Re: pointer question

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Mark Hadfield wrote:

```
> pro test, a
>
>   ; Do something with a
>
>   if not arg_present(a) then if ptr_valid(a) then ptr_free, a
>
> end
```

I am sorry, I have not had my first cup of coffe yet. How is that supposed to work? If there is *\*no\** argument present, *\*then\** try to check if the missing argument is a pointer? What am I missing? Should it be

if arg\_present(a) then if ptr\_valid(a) then ptr\_free, a ;?

Also, in the example provided by Ted, the parameter is not going to be recognized by Arg\_present, because it is not passed by reference since it is an expression.

But I think Paul answered already how to do this sort of thing properly.

Cheers,  
Pavel

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