
Subject: Variable name to string
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Hello-

Can anyone please point me towards the solution of the following problem?

Say I want to create a program that will write the contents of a named array to a file of the same name. This could be accomplished by having the program prompt the user for both the variable name (getting the array by reference) and the file name (getting the string naming the output file), and the user just puts the same thing twice. However, I would like to be able to do it so the user only has one prompt. The program asks what variable should be output, the user gives the variable name, and somehow the program is able to get a string with contents equivalent to the variable name for use in opening the output file.

Seems like it should be an easy problem, but for the life of me I can't figure it out.

In case it matters, I'm running IDL 5.4 under RedHat Linux 6.2.

Thanks
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