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Subject: Re: Defining Integer Field in a Structure

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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote

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> If you wish to create a stucture definition without
> actually creating an instance of a structure, you
> put the structure definition in a file, like this:
>
> PRO newstruct__define.pro
>   struct = {NEWSTRUCT, a:0, b:0.0, c:fltarr(10)}
>   END
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This is something that has always confused me. It seems like the variable "struct" is created (at least help will tell you that it exists). So, does IDL

"actually create an instance of a structure" with this mechanism or not?

Thanks (in advance) for helping clear up my confusion.

--Harvey

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