
Subject: sec : U Re: STRUCTURE SIZE

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lyubo wrote:

>
> How can I find the size of a structure (that contains other structures) in
> bytes?
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> Lyubo

Hi,

David Fanning's site http://www.dfanning.com/tips/struct_length.html
says :-

QUESTION: How can I determine the size or length of an IDL structure
variable in bytes?

ANSWER: This functionality, oddly enough, is provided by the N_Tags
function and the Length keyword.

```
structSize = N_Tags(myStructure, /Length)
```

The length or size of a structure is machine dependent and depends
upon the host machine. IDL pads and aligns structures in a manner
consistent with the host machine's C compiler.

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