
Subject: Re: Delvar?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 2002 20:18:49 GMT

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David Fanning (david@dfanning.com) writes:

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> Alright. First of all, this code is inside a procedure.  
> That's important. UNDEFINE looks like this:  
>  
> .*****  
> ,  
> PRO UNDEFINE, varname  
> IF (N_Elements(varname) NE 0) THEN tempvar = Size(Temporary(varname))  
> END  
> .*****  
> ,
```

Oh, oh. I think my problem is that I'm not anal enough. :-(

It was gently pointed out to me that, uh, the SIZE function isn't really doing anything worthwhile here, so why put it in?

My only excuse is that you know how these things go. You're standing around glaring at that &#*@ down-the-line backhand that went long *again*, and an idea suddenly comes to you. By the time you get back to the office the sudden clarity has turned to mush and you cast around for inspiration. In the end, the final result contains unmistakable marks of your own muddleheadedness.

But this is only version two of a three line program. I must be a better programmer than I think. It usually takes me at least five versions to get it right. :-)

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  IF (N_Elements(varname) NE 0) THEN tempvar = Temporary(varname)  
END  
.*****  
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Cheers,

David

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