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Subject: Re: Finding if a structure tag name is defined?  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2003 16:55:47 GMT  
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Reimar Bauer writes:

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> I often use is_tag to determine if a tag is in a structure
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> ; PURPOSE:
> ; Test if tagname is defined
> ;
> ; CATEGORY:
> ; PROG_TOOLS/STRUCTURES
> ;
> ; CALLING SEQUENCE:
> ; Result=is_tag(structure,tagname)
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But, alas, you are still going to have to call IS\_TAG  
as many times as you have letters in your keyword, if  
you hope to fish it out unambiguously. :-(

Cheers,

David

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