
Subject: Re: Finding if a structure tag name is defined?

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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:

> I want to know if a given keyword has been passed down via _extra, so
> I said "if (n_elements(e.c_linestyle) ne 0)" which of course doesn't
> work because if it isn't there you can't say e.linestyle (bring on
> perl...). I can use tag names to get all the tags, then search through
> for a match, but that seems silly and ugly. What is the correct way
> to find if a given structure has a certain tag in it? (And why
> couldn't I find the answer buried within DF's site ;-)?
>
> -W.
>

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)
```

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/is_tag_dbase.pro.html

regards

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a IDL library at Forschungszentrum Juelich
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html
