
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 ;-)?
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> -W.
>

Dear w

here is another routine which is able to extract parts of an _extra
structure.

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

If you have some rules for the keywords then you could separate them and
execute them on obe application

keywords:

text_color, text_size ...

They could be extracted into a new _extra structure by
e=extract_extra(extra,'text_*')

and so on.

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
