
Subject: Re: Compiling file with many functions: huge performance difference between IDL and IDLDE

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Sidney Cadot wrote:

> Mirko Vukovic wrote:

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>>> P.S. the reason we're doing this is that we need to implement a

>>> string-based map with optional performance, like this:

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>>> FUNCTION f_tom

>>> RETURN, 123

>>> END

>>>

>>> FUNCTION f_dick

>>> RETURN, 456

>>> END

>>>

>>> FUNCTION f_harry

>>> RETURN, 789

>>> END

>>>

>>> FUNCTION f, name

>>> CATCH, error_status

>>> IF error_status EQ 0 THEN RETURN, -1

>>> RETURN, call_function("f_" + name)

>>> END

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>> Out of curiosity, would a structure work here:

>> a={f_tom:123,f_dick:456,f_harry:789...} ?

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>> It could be created using create_struct.

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>> Retrieve info using

>> a=str.f_dick

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>> Curious minds want to know :-)

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> Your idea is sound, but I am not aware of a way to retrieve the index of
> a tag-name based on its name.

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> You assume that "f_dick" is available at compile time, whereas I need to
> resolve the string at runtime. Something like this would work:

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> i = TAG_INDEX("f_dick", str)
> value = str.(i)
>
> ... But only if functionality to get a tag index can be retrieved from a
> struct (anyone knows how to do this?) and if its fast, i.e. if IDL
> implements it via a hash table or similar.
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How about this ?

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IDL> print, tag_index(['color', 'clip', 'banana'], !P, count = count) &
print, count
      4      3      -1
      2
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;-----start
FUNCTION TAG_INDEX, tagName, str, count = count

tags = TAG_NAMES(str)

n = n_elements(tagName)

tag_index = LonArr(n, /noZero)

Count = 0L
For i = 0L, n-1 Do begin
  tag_index[i] = (WHERE(tags EQ StrUpCase(tagName[i]), cnt))[0]
  Count = Count + (cnt GT 0)
EndFor

Return, tag_index
END
;-----finish
```

Ben
