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Subject: Re: Array of associated variables?  
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Thanks! This works, but my code still doesn't. The difference which makes my program crash is the definition of the `a=assoc(...)` which in my code is a structure. It's like this:

```
openu, inun, filename, /swap_if_little_endian, /get_lun  
a = assoc(inun, strucval, headpos)
```

where `strucval` is a structure (consisting of various types of float/long data) and `headpos` is the offset. There's another difference also, and that's the open statement above, but I guess that shouldn't cause the program to crash.

So it seems as the use of pointer arrays for associated variables doesn't work when the associated variable is a structure? Hmm. I must admit I get somewhat confused with this. Perhaps it's what one would call a bug? At least it doesn't only halt. The whole `idl` session crashes, returns to the Unix environment and give me the Unix message "Segmentation fault" which normally indicates a rather serious error.

Guess I will have to leave the array of associated vars. then and try to circumvent this in some way(?)

Sverre

David Fanning wrote:

> `sso@nilu.no` writes:

>

>> However, I don't get this really to work. It's probably a basic error I

>> am doing, but a code like this will crash.

>>

>> `all = ptrarr(n, /allocate_heap)`

>>

>> `FOR i = 0, n-1 DO BEGIN`

>> `;;..define a, the associated variable (that works)`

>> `p = ptr_new(a)`

>> `all(i) = p`

>> `ENDFOR`

>>

>> `;;..extract values back:`

>> `a = all(0)`

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>> pval = *a
>>
>> -----
>> I'm not that into pointers so it may be a simple error
>
> Don't know. Looks right to me. Here is my example:
>
> n=3
> filename = 'junk'
> all = ptrarr(n)
>
> FOR I = 0, n-1 DO BEGIN
>   Openw, lun, filename + String(I, format='(i1)') + '.pro', /Get_Lun
>   a = Assoc(lun, Bytarr(200))
>   p = ptr_new(a)
>   all[I] = p
> ENDFOR
>
> ;..extract values back:
> a = all[0]
> pval = *a
> help, pval
> END
>
> And here is what I get:
>
> IDL> .COMPILE "C:\RSI\David\assoc_ptr.pro"
> % Compiled module: $MAIN$.
> IDL> .go
> PVAL      BYTE      = File<C:\RSI\David\junk0.pro> Array[200]
>
>
> Cheers,
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> David
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> --
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