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Subject: Re: Deleting structures (does this work, or am I missing something?)

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 14 Mar 2005 22:55:31 GMT

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Jonathan Greenberg writes:

- > I've read a few posts about deleting named structures in IDL being
- > impossible, but if I simply assign a previously defined structure name to be
- > some numerical value (e.g. mystructure=0), then
- > mystructure=create\_struct(newstuff:newdata) should work as if mystructure
- > never existed, right? It seems to be doing this on my system, but I'm
- > wondering if some crazy behavior is going to pop up later...

Deleting named structure variables isn't impossible. Changing the definition of named structures is impossible in that IDL session. But in any case, it doesn't look like you are creating named structures. It looks to me like you are creating anonymous structures. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. I had occasion to work with French programmers last week and this discussion reminds me of that. Very fast, very unfocussed, throw enough lead out there and you are sure to hit something! Whew! Maybe I'm just getting old, but I still like to think a few minutes before my fingers start moving. :-)

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