
Subject: how to define a struct header of fixed length in IDL

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hi,all

I have met a problem in write a binary file in IDL. In my output file, I need to write a header with 1024 byte length first, and then output the data(5*5). I have defined a struct array for the header which includes different data types (string, Long, Integer), But how to

define a string type variable with fixed length, for example, char* a[20]? my header is just like the following, but I can't read it out. please help me, thanks.

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struct={header,
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  Sat:",Product:",Unit:",Year:-1,Day:1,Hour:1,Mini:1,Lat_m  
ax:-1.0,Lat_min:1.0,Lon_max:1.0,L-on_min:1.0,Project:",R_  
lat:1.-0,R_lon:1.0,Row:1,Col:1,Slope:-1.0,Offset:1.0,spare :"}}
```

where, for Sat,Product and Unit, Project, The length is char*20.

I use writeu to write the header into file, and readu to get the header

out, but failed.
