
Subject: Re: Fun Writing Books
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Sun, 11 Dec 2005 08:07:37 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

```
> Folks,
>
> You know what's fun about writing books? You have so
> many opportunities to embarrass yourself. :-)
>
> When did this get fixed?
>
> IDL> a = {Name:'Larry', Age:46}
> IDL> b = {Name:'JoeBob', Age:39}
> IDL> c = [a, b]
>
> That, my friends, is *suppose* to generate an error.
>
> http://www.dfanning.com/tips/concatenate\_structs.html
>
> Now, I've got to check every single piece of code I ever wrote
> to be sure I'm not missing something else. :-(
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
>
```

Hi David,

I believe this wasn't restricted. Both are anonymous structures not named!

There was a restriction with named structures and I think you like to talk about this one. A rule change and when will we get this fixed

```
IDL> a=make_array(5,2,1)
IDL> help,a,reform(a,5,2,1)
A          FLOAT    = Array[5, 2]
<Expression>  FLOAT    = Array[5, 2, 1]
```

```
IDL> a=ptr_new(reform(a,5,2,1))
IDL> help,*a
<PtrHeapVar2>  FLOAT    = Array[5, 2, 1]
```

I like to see the reform output always

cheers
Reimar
