
Subject: Re: Scope_VarFetch Bug or Feature?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 14 Feb 2006 22:33:04 GMT

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=?ISO-8859-2?Q?F=D6LDY_Lajos?= writes:

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> well, you can check it first:
>
> help, out=s, (Scope_VarFetch(names[j], Level=1, /Enter))
> if strpos(s, 'UNDEFINED =') gt 0 then print, 'Undefined'
>
> (you can't retrieve an undefined variable, but you can get a
> reference to it :-)
>
> And I think the ENTER keyword works, it just creates an undefined
> variable :-) You can create a defined variable by
>
> (Scope_VarFetch('something_new', Level=1, /Enter))=0
```

Ah, now all that screwy parentheses stuff I remember from a couple of months ago when I first starting looking at SCOPE_VARFETCH is starting to make some sense to me! :-)

Thanks guys.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say we were burning about \$1000/hour with a room full of Ph.D. physicists trying to figure it out from the documentation earlier today, to no avail. :-(

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