
Subject: Re: indexing structure of structures

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Ben Tupper wrote:

> phaccount@nycap.rr.com wrote:

>> Hello group,

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>> I am analyzing a bunch of data from an experimental series. The
>> analysis from each experiment (numbers a,b,c,... etc) is stored in a
>> structure. For reasons that have little to do with foresight and
>> expedience, I decided to store all the individual structures in one
>> large structure (This allows me to add some more fluff).

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>> My problem is how to extract the parameter 'a' to plot it. I was
>> hoping that an array indexing method such as

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>> outer_struct.([1,4,8,12]).a

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>> would work, but it does not. So I am re-packaging the outer structure
>> as a vector of inner_structures.

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>> Am I missing something in the IDL syntax that would allow me to keep
>> the structure of structures, and vectorially index the substructures?

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>

> Hello,

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> I think you really do want a vector of structures - assuming that each of
> the structures have the same form. If that is what you want then the
> notation is very simple. Try the following...

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> vec = REPLICATE(\$
> {NAME: STRING(randomn(n, 1)*100, format = '(I3.3)'), \$
> DATA: INDGEN(4)}, 5)

> help, vec

> subvec = vec[2:4]

> help, subvec

> subname = vec[2:4].name

> help, subname

> subdata = vec[2:4].data

> help, subdata

> subsubdata = vec[2:4].data[3]

> help, subsubdata

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> Cheers,

> Ben

Yep, that is the way I finally went.

Thanks Ben,

Mirko
