Subject: Re: undefining a variable Posted by MarioIncandenza on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 16:21:59 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Elegance certainly has its place. When you are dusting off a routine you may have written eight years ago, and you say, 'Now why the devil did I just set that entire huge structure = 0?', you'd better hope you commented your code (boo!), or else used a nice intuitive command like UNDEFINE() (yay!).

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David Fanning wrote:

> Gianguido Cianci writes:

> undefine.pro is clever, but sometimes it is sufficient to set that var

> to a scalar value. That frees up the memory, though it won't free up

> the name :-) I haven't needed undefine so far so I thought I'd post my

> 2 cents.

> UNDEFINE wasn't written because it was "needed". It

> was written because it was "elegant". :-)

> Cheers,

> David

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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")