
Subject: Re: Maddening structures

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Edd wrote:

> OK, I've got some data read in so that I have a structure that looks
> like
>
> data.foo[600]
> .bar[600]
> .baz[600]
>
> and I want
> data[600].foo
> .bar
> .baz
>
> In other words I want an array of structures rather than a structure
> of arrays.
>
> Does anyone have any magic that works for the case when foo, bar and
> baz are not previously known?

Perhaps my reading comprehension isn't quite awake yet, but:

1) do you mean the names themselves, or the number of fields (there may also be a fuu around, in addition to the foo, bar and baz)?

Get the names with `tag_names(data)`, obtain the length with `size(data.(0), /dim)`, create a base struct with `base = CREATE_STRUCT(...)` and `replicate()` the base to the right size. At least that is where I would look. Copying is another matter, perhaps others can comment on how to do this efficiently. At least you have the right structure to store the stuff.

Maarten
