
Subject: Re: Attempt to store into an expression: Structure reference

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Tue, 04 Nov 2008 16:39:33 GMT

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On Nov 4, 10:21 am, greg.a...@googlemail.com wrote:

> I'm doing something wrong here, but what - I'm not sure...

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> IDL> help,s.tab

> <Expression> POINTER = <PtrHeapVar26>

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> IDL> help,*(s.tab)

> <PtrHeapVar26> STRUCT = -> TAB Array[2]

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> IDL> help,(*(s.tab))[0]

> <Expression> STRUCT = -> TAB Array[1]

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> IDL> help,(*(s.tab))[0].img

> <Expression> POINTER = <NullPointer>

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> IDL> (*(s.tab))[0].img=ptr_new(image)

> % Attempt to store into an expression: Structure reference.

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> Any ideas why I can't assign something to this pointer?

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> Greg

Because it's a null pointer. How was it created? When a pointer is created without know what it's going to contain, you need to use / ALLOCATE_HEAP.
