
Subject: Re: Dynamic creation of PV-Wave variables in C

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In article <4t3fj7\$m5e@mkssrv1.dseg.ti.com>, JH7@msg.ti.com (John Houston) writes:

> I have some old C code which is designed to read data out of a binary
> file. The length and type of data is encoded into the data file
> itself. I would like to know if it is possible to use my C routines
> to read the data and then transfer the data to PV-Wave. The data is
> dynamic in length and structure. Any example code would be
> appreciated.

There are at least 2 ways to do this.

1) Using CALL_EXTERNAL

Make one call to your C routines via CALL_EXTERNAL to determine the length and type of your data. In IDL allocate the arrays to hold this data, and then call your C routines again via CALL_EXTERNAL to actually read the data, passing the pointers to the IDL array variables.

2) Using LINK_IMAGE

In this case a single call to a specially written C routine will suffice. This C routine can create new IDL variables of the correct type and size. I am appending an example of this. This example is a C "glue" routine between IDL and my C routines which actually read the header and data from the file. My C routines contain the functions like "open_image_file", "read_image_header", "read_image_record", etc.

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#include <stdio.h>
#include "idl_dir:[external]export.h"
#include "idl_dir:[external]obsolete.h"
#include "sys_imaging:image_header.h"
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read_bsif_i(argc, argv, argk)
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int argc;
VPTR argv[];
char *argk;
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{
#define FILE_DS    argv[0]
#define N_ROWS_DS  argv[1]
#define N_COLS_DS  argv[2]
#define N_DATA_DS  argv[3]
#define X_NORMAL_DS argv[4]
#define Y_NORMAL_DS argv[5]
#define ROTATED_DS argv[6]
#define X_START_DS argv[7]
#define X_STOP_DS  argv[8]
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#define Y_START_DS argv[9]
#define Y_STOP_DS argv[10]
#define IMAGE_TITLE_DS argv[11]
#define X_TITLE_DS argv[12]
#define Y_TITLE_DS argv[13]
#define DATA_TITLE_DS argv[14]
#define DATA_TYPE_DS argv[15]
#define COMP_TYPE_DS argv[16]
#define USER_BUFFER_DS argv[17]
#define IMAGE_DATA_DS argv[18]

/* This routine reads BSIF files into IDL. It is quite general.
   The only restrictions are:
       Images with multiple data values per pixel must all be the same
       data type. It reads all of the data into a single array =
           image_data(n_cols, n_rows, n_data)
       The compression type, data_type, min and max of each datum are not
       returned. These are either not needed or are easily determined within
       IDL itself.
*/

#define NEW_FILE FALSE
#define MAX_DATA 32
#define MAX_TITLE_LEN 132
#define MAX_USER_BUFFER_LEN 8192

void close_image_file();
int open_image_file(), read_image_record(), read_image_header();
int row, datum, i;
int n_rows, n_cols, n_data;
int file_id;
int dim_blk[3];
int *address, data_size, type;
int temp_int;
int user_buffer_len;
char image_title[MAX_TITLE_LEN];
char x_title[MAX_TITLE_LEN];
char y_title[MAX_TITLE_LEN];
char data_title[MAX_DATA][MAX_TITLE_LEN];
int image_title_len, x_title_len, y_title_len;
int data_title_len[MAX_DATA];

UCHAR user_buffer[MAX_USER_BUFFER_LEN];
UCHAR *base_address;

struct image_descr image_descr;
struct data_descr data_descr[MAX_DATA];
STRING scratch_string;

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STRING *string_ptr;
VPTR temp;
char buf[128];

/* Check parameters */
if (argc != 19) {
    message(M_NAMED_GENERIC, 0, MSG_LONGJMP,
        "Incorrect number of parameters");
    return;
}

temp_int = FILE_DS->value.str.slen;
if (open_image_file(&file_id,
    FILE_DS->value.str.s,
    &temp_int,
    &FALSE) != 1) {
    sprintf(buf, "Error opening file %s", FILE_DS->value.str.s);
    message(M_NAMED_GENERIC, 0, MSG_LONGJMP, buf);
    return;
}

temp_int = MAX_USER_BUFFER_LEN * 4;
if (read_image_header(&file_id, &MAX_DATA, &n_data,
    &image_descr, &data_descr, &MAX_TITLE_LEN,
    &image_title, &image_title_len,
    &x_title, &x_title_len,
    &y_title, &y_title_len,
    &data_title, &data_title_len,
    &user_buffer, &temp_int,
    &user_buffer_len) != 1) {
    message(M_NAMED_GENERIC, 0, MSG_LONGJMP,
        "Error reading image header");
    return;
}

/* Copy a few values for shorthand */
n_cols = image_descr.n_cols;
n_rows = image_descr.n_rows;
n_data = image_descr.n_data;

/* Copy the scalar parameters from the image header */
store_scalar(N_ROWS_DS, TYP_LONG, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.n_rows);
store_scalar(N_COLS_DS, TYP_LONG, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.n_cols);
store_scalar(N_DATA_DS, TYP_LONG, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.n_data);
store_scalar(X_NORMAL_DS, TYP_LONG, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.x_normal);
store_scalar(Y_NORMAL_DS, TYP_LONG, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.y_normal);
store_scalar(ROTATED_DS, TYP_LONG, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.rotated);

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store_scalar(X_START_DS, TYP_DOUBLE, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.x_start);
store_scalar(X_STOP_DS, TYP_DOUBLE, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.x_stop);
store_scalar(Y_START_DS, TYP_DOUBLE, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.y_start);
store_scalar(Y_STOP_DS, TYP_DOUBLE, (ALLTYPES *)&image_descr.y_stop);

/* Copy the string parameters */
str_store(&scratch_string, (char *)&image_title);
store_scalar(IMAGE_TITLE_DS, TYP_STRING, (ALLTYPES *)&scratch_string);
str_store(&scratch_string, (char *)&x_title);
store_scalar(X_TITLE_DS, TYP_STRING, (ALLTYPES *)&scratch_string);
str_store(&scratch_string, (char *)&y_title);
store_scalar(Y_TITLE_DS, TYP_STRING, (ALLTYPES *)&scratch_string);

/* Copy the data titles */
make_temp_array(TYP_STRING, 1, (LONG*)&n_data, BASICARR_INI_NOP, &temp);
var_copy(temp, DATA_TITLE_DS);
string_ptr = (STRING *)DATA_TITLE_DS->value.arr->data;
for(i=0; i<n_data; i++) str_store(&string_ptr[i], &data_title[i][0]);

/* Copy the data types */
make_temp_array(TYP_LONG, 1, (LONG*)&n_data, BASICARR_INI_NOP, &temp);
var_copy(temp, DATA_TYPE_DS);
address = (int *)DATA_TYPE_DS->value.arr->data;
for (i=0; i<n_data; i++) *address++ = data_descr[i].data_type;

/* Copy the compression types */
make_temp_array(TYP_LONG, 1, (LONG*)&n_data, BASICARR_INI_NOP, &temp);
var_copy(temp, COMP_TYPE_DS);
address = (int *)COMP_TYPE_DS->value.arr->data;
for (i=0; i<n_data; i++) *address++ = data_descr[i].compression_type;

/* Copy the user buffer */
make_temp_array(TYP_BYTE, 1, (LONG*)&user_buffer_len, BASICARR_INI_NOP, &temp);
var_copy(temp, USER_BUFFER_DS);
base_address = USER_BUFFER_DS->value.arr->data;
for (i=0; i<user_buffer_len; i++) *base_address++ = user_buffer[i];

/* Create the image data array */
switch (data_descr[0].data_type) {

case UB_TYPE:
case SB_TYPE:
    type = TYP_BYTE;
    data_size = 1;
    break;
case US_TYPE:
case SS_TYPE:

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    type = TYP_INT;
    data_size = 2;
    break;
case UL_TYPE:
case SL_TYPE:
    type = TYP_LONG;
    data_size = 4;
    break;
case FL_TYPE:
    type = TYP_FLOAT;
    data_size = 4;
    break;
case DL_TYPE:
    type = TYP_DOUBLE;
    data_size = 8;
    break;
}

dim_blk[0] = image_descr.n_cols;
dim_blk[1] = image_descr.n_rows;
dim_blk[2] = image_descr.n_data;

make_temp_array(type, 3, (LONG*)&dim_blk, BASICARR_INI_NOP, &temp);

var_copy(temp, IMAGE_DATA_DS);

base_address = IMAGE_DATA_DS->value.arr->data;
for (row=0; row<n_rows; row++) {
    for (datum=0; datum<n_data; datum++) {
        address = (int *) (base_address +
            ((datum*n_rows*n_cols) + row*n_cols) * data_size);
        if (read_image_record(&file_id, &image_descr,
            &data_descr[datum], address) != 1) {
            sprintf(buf, "Error reading image data in row %d", row+1);
            message(M_NAMED_GENERIC, 0, MSG_LONGJMP, buf);
            return;
        }
    }
}
close_image_file(&file_id);
}

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