
Subject: Re: SIZE() vs. N_ELEMENTS()

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 16 Jul 2009 20:11:36 GMT

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wlandsman writes:

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> Immediately after posting I realized that the answer to the above
> question is "yes". In the following code using ASSOC(), N_Elements(a)
> equals 1, but size(a,/N_elements) equals 2.  --Wayne
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>
> b =3D {a:indgen(10),b:fltarr(100)}
> openw,lun,'test.dat',/get_lun
> writeu,lun,replicate(b,12)
> close,lun
>
> openr,lun,'test.dat'
> c =3D replicate(b,2)
> a =3D assoc(lun,c)
> print,size(a,/n_elements)
> print,N_elements(a)
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By the way, since the Prize Chairman is leaving in about half an hour for a little mid-summer beach action in the Caribbean with his new Latin lover (a fox to hear him tell it), he has decided to award this month's most obscure post prize to Wayne. Tough competition this month though, in the form of Scope_VarFetch and Execute as suggestions to the poor guy who wanted to know what an array was.

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)

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