
Subject: Re: Tough System Variable Question for the IDL Gurus
Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Wed, 11 Nov 2009 22:26:47 GMT
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On Wed, 11 Nov 2009, David Fanning wrote:

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> OK, you IDL gurus. How do you delete an IDL system variable  
> you have created with DefSysV without getting out of the IDL session?  
>  
> IDL> DefSysV, '!TESTER', 5  
> IDL> DelVar, !TESTER  
> % DELVAR: Expression must be named variable in this context: <INT  
> ( 5)>.  
>  
> IDL> Undefine, !Tester  
> IDL> Help, !Tester  
> <Expression> INT = 5  
>  
> My current thinking is that it is not possible. Any good ideas?  
>  
> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
>
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You are right, it is not possible:

"System variables have a predefined type and structure that cannot be changed." (IDL Reference Guide)

regards,
Lajos
