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Subject: Re: renaming a variable without making a copy

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Thu, 10 Dec 2009 15:36:34 GMT

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alx schrieb:

> On 9 dī½c, 18:06, Reimar Bauer <R.Ba...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

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>> read about reads or execute

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> Reimar,

> I understand that 'reads' might allow a string to be read out as a

> structure by using a binary format, but such a typecast method seems

> to me quite a bit involved.

the "s" it is not only about strings

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IDL> a=findgen(2,2)
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IDL> b=dblarr(4)
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IDL> reads,a,b
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IDL> print,b
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0.0000000 1.0000000 2.0000000 3.0000000
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btw. just seen that reads, 1 seems to be valid, but what does it do?

> I do not understand the usage of 'execute' for such a thing.

> alain.

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