## Subject: Re: renaming a variable without making a copy
Posted by R.Bauer on Wed, 09 Dec 2009 17:06:05 GMT

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> Here is a question, maybe related to the previous one, regarding
> variable typecast in IDL.
> Changing the type of one scalar variable, even a vector, is fairly
> easy by using the FIX function.
> But let suppose that I get a variable (for instance from an external
> routine, by reading a shared memory,
> a socket, etc...) that is described as a vector of byte (or integer or
> float or anything else).
> I want to further consider this variable as a (elsewhere defined)
> structure (in the IDL sense).
> In other words, I want to typecast an untyped variable to a structured
> one : what is the way in IDL ?

read about reads or execute

cheers
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