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Subject: "shrink" structures

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Hi,

I usually read ascii tables using `read_ascii` with a ascii template which gives me an anonymous structure with fields of the same length.

for example

```
d=READ_ASCII('file', TEMPLATE=templ)
```

afterwards `d` is `d.date`, `d.time` and `d.value`

I would like to "shrink" `d` to contain only a specific date.

Something like

```
ind=where(d.date eq '10052000')
```

```
d = d[ind]
```

This doesn't work of course but I thought at least `d.date = d.date[ind]` should. But this doesn't resize `d.date` but only fills all locations with the values of `d.date[ind]`.

Is there any other way than to copy everything to arrays?

Regards,

Johannes

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