
Subject: Re: Error when using !NULL as a property value. Bug or feature?

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 02 Jun 2011 16:12:31 GMT

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On 6/2/11 9:56 AM, Jason Ferrara wrote:

```
> pro proptest::GetProperty, something=s, empty=e
>   s = [1,2,3]
>   e = []
> end
>
> PRO proptest__define
>   struct={proptest, INHERITS IDL_Object}
> END
```

Yes, e seems to be loosing its special !null status and becoming just a normal undefined variable somewhere along the line:

```
pro proptest::GetProperty, something=s, empty=e
  s = [1,2,3]
  e = !null
  help, e
end
```

And then:

```
[334]> p = proptest()
[335]> help, p.empty
E      UNDEFINED = !NULL
<Expression>  UNDEFINED = <Undefined>
```

It is OK to return normal undefined variables (like above), but not to use them in an assignment.

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