
Subject: Re: execute problem

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R. Bauer wrote:

>
> Hi,
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> here is an other problem
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> we have idl versions 3.61 and 4.01.
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> in idl 4.01 it's possible to execute a string with the length 625.
> idl 3.61 gave the error that's the string is too long.
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> There is no way in our case to separate the string, because it's a
> definition for a structure.
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> Now the questions:
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> where is the border for a string to execute by idl 4.01?
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No idea there was even a border in 3.6.1!

> how could I solve the problem for idl 3.61?

One way that I could think of off the top of my head would be to
reference your structures via tag number instead of tag name. i.e.

```
structure.(0).(1).(10)
```

I'd imagine that there might be some overhead if you are using anonymous
structures to determine the tag placement. Something like,

```
names = tag_names(structure)  
index1 = where(names eq structure2)  
names = tag_names(structure.(index))  
index2 = where(names eq structure3)
```

etc.

```
ps = ').( '  
command = $  
'print, structure.('+strtrim(index1,2)+ps+strtrim(index2,2)+ps+....
```

Hope this helps,
Phil

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