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Subject: Re: bug? or how to distinguish between a Hash and an array of Hashes ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 04 Mar 2013 16:24:49 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

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> wlandsman writes:
>
>> You could use the TYPENAME function to distinguish the two variables
>>
>> IDL> print,typename(a)
>> HASH
>> IDL> print,typename(c)
>> OBJREF
>>
>> although I'm not sure why SIZE(/TNAME) doesn't give the same results.
>
> Oh, dear! Really!?
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I guess this is right, though, since there are no "type" codes for hash or list. They are objects, I guess, not real data types.

Still, awfully confusing to explain to a new user not familiar with the "IDL Way". ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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