
Subject: Re: Storing !NULL in struct
Posted by [Bob\[4\]](#) on Tue, 12 Mar 2013 18:15:57 GMT
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On Tuesday, March 12, 2013 6:09:37 AM UTC-6, Tom Grydeland wrote:

> Any reason I shouldn't expect this to work?

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> IDL> help, { foo: !null }

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Structure fields must be defined at the time of creation and the type (and rank and array sizes) cannot be changed after that. Thus, if you put a !null in the field you could never change it to anything else. Not very useful. If you do not know the detail of whatever you are going to put in the structure you have several options. Traditionally, you would use a PTR. These days you could use a LIST or HASH instead.

Bob
