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Subject: Re: Storing !NULL in struct  
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Mon, 18 Mar 2013 09:27:31 GMT  
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Le lundi 18 mars 2013 10:00:58 UTC+1, Tom Grydeland a écrit :

> On Friday, March 15, 2013 8:40:56 PM UTC, Chris Torrence wrote:

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>> Hi all,

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>> Not to stir the pot some more [...]

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> Not at all, it is good to hear the rationale behind decisions such as this one.

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>> The deal-killer was that IDL structures are supposed to map directly to C structures. [...]

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> I'll buy that.

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>> As Mike suggests, perhaps HASH is the way to go.

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> Either of HASH or LIST would be perfectly fine, if I were able to even assign to already-known fields of structs stored inside them:

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> IDL> h = hash('f', {t:0})

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> IDL> help, h

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> H            HASH <ID=198 NELEMENTS=1>

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> IDL> print, h['f'].t

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>            0

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> IDL> h['f'].t = 1

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> % Attempt to store into an expression: Structure reference.
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> % Execution halted at: $MAIN$
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> IDL> c = list({t:0})
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> IDL> print, c[0].t
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>      0
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> IDL> c[0].t = 1
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> % Attempt to store into an expression: Structure reference.
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> % Execution halted at: $MAIN$
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> It's not that I cannot imagine a way of working around this, but it seems to defeat the purpose of
> providing high-level data structures.
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>> Chris
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IDL> h = hash('f', {t:0})
IDL> help, h
H      HASH <ID=1 NELEMENTS=1>
IDL> print, h['f'].t
      0
IDL> h['f'] = {t:1}
IDL> print, h['f'].t
      1
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alx.

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