
Subject: Re: structure references

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On Sun, 1 Dec 2013 12:38:34 -0700,
David Fanning <news@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

> Seb writes:

>> While trying to set all elements of a structure to a value, I read

>> http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/Structure_References.html and it seems

>> this is not possible with a simple operation like:

>> `x={a:double(0), b:double(0)} x.(*)=20`

>> Is writing a loop over the tags the only way?

> If all elements of your structure are the same data type, why aren't

> you using an array?

I'd like to have easier access to the elements of such array. It would make life much simpler to be able to call a particular element by name (e.g. tag) than by array index. Several routines need to access to these data, so using an array index for each element soon makes code hard to read.

Thanks,

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Seb
