
Subject: Variable attributes and undef vars

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From the IDL docs: "All IDL variables have special attributes that return information about the variable. These attributes are equivalent to calling the N_ELEMENTS, SIZE, or TYPENAME functions."

This does not work for undefined variables:

```
IDL> help, n_elements(a)
```

```
<Expression>  LONG    =      0
```

```
IDL> help, a.length
```

```
% Expression must be a structure in this context: A.
```

```
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

```
IDL>
```

Bug or feature? :-)

regards,
Lajos
