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Subject: Re: Accessing class structure fields outside the class

Posted by [Russell\[1\]](#) on Tue, 19 May 2015 20:28:29 GMT

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You're making a few mistakes here.

The class prototype (your `class1__define`), only defines the datatypes of the class fields. So the fact that you use `"value:5"` is irrelevant, since this procedure simply defines `class1` as a named structure that will contain field named `"value"` which is an integer. Similarly, you have a field named `"pointer"` which is a pointer data type.

You will need to explicitly initialize the data. In your example this would be:

```
pro class1__define
  foo = {CLASS1, value:0, pointer: ptr_new()}
end
```

```
pro main
  a={class1,5,ptr_new(4.)}

  print, a.value, *a.pointer
end
```

Hope this helps.

Russell

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 4:12:28 PM UTC-4, [evan....@richmond.edu](#) wrote:

> Hello everyone. I would like to access field values in class structures outside their class.

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> For example:

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> Pro `class1__define`

> `struct = {class1, value:5, pointer:new_ptr(3)}`

> end

>

> Pro main

> `a = {class1}`

> `print, a.value, *a.pointer`

> end

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> This approach 'zeros' the values inside `class1`'s structure and turns any pointers into a null pointer. Is there a way to access the field values in `class1`'s struct outside the class? Among other reasons, I want to accomplish this without having `class1`'s structure be defined in main so that other methods, functions, and procedures can operate on the field values as they change during a calculation

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