
Subject: Re: IDL structure problem

Posted by [Markus Schmassmann](#) on Wed, 14 Sep 2016 09:22:14 GMT

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On 09/14/2016 09:16 AM, Sapna Mishra wrote:

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> I have a structure STR which has 43 tags.  
> IDL> print,N_tags(STR)  
> 43  
>  
> IDL> PRINT, TAG_NAMES(STR)  
> SLIT_ID XTOP YTOP.....ROW_9  
>  
> I want to print value of ith tag of STR without mentioning the  
> Tag name. Can any one help??  
>  
> can I do something like this?  
> IDL> print,STR.(ith_tag_name)
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A tag can be referenced using its index rather than its tag name. The tag index should be enclosed in parentheses, as follows:

Variable_Name.(Tag_Index)... ..

The Tag_Index ranges from zero to the number of fields minus one.

Note: The Tag_Index is an expression, the result of which is taken to be a tag position. In order for the IDL parser to understand that this is the case, you must enclose the Tag_Index in parentheses. This is not an array indexing operation, so the use of square brackets [] is not allowed in this context.

[1] [http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/Structure_References.ht ml](http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/Structure_References.html)
