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Subject: Re: Structures and arrays of structures

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On 10/28/2016 12:12 PM, rjp23@le.ac.uk wrote:

> This has me stumped at the minute so I was hoping someone could help as I thought it SHOULD be simple.

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> I have a anonymous structure in this form:

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> IDL> help, global\_struct

> \*\* Structure <8341ea08>, 15 tags, length=138736, data length=138736, refs=1:

> DATE     FLOAT     Array[2392]

> ORIG     FLOAT     Array[2392]

> FUNC     FLOAT     Array[2392]

> POLY     FLOAT     Array[2392]

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> I have a second anonymous structure in this form:

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> IDL> help, aus\_struct

> \*\* Structure <838a5ee8>, 15 tags, length=135780, data length=135778, refs=1:

> DATE     FLOAT     Array[2341]

> ORIG     FLOAT     Array[2341]

> FUNC     FLOAT     Array[2341]

> POLY     FLOAT     Array[2341]

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> I have many other structures in the same form and want them all to

> be contained in one item so they can be easily passed into other

> procedures, etc.

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> The tag names within the structure are the same so I can use code

> generically on any of them.

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> The structure name itself is generated from a string array

> ['global', 'aus', 'europe', 'us', etc]

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> I can't concatenate the structures into a single as they all have

> the same tag names. I thought I could create an array of structures but that

> doesn't seem to work. I wondered if I could create a structure of

> structures? main.global\_struct.dat, main.aus\_struct.date, etc but can't

> figure out how to.

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> Any suggestions would be really useful.

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loc=['global', 'aus', 'europe', 'us']
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cmd='main=create_struct('
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for i=0,n_elements(loc)-1 do $
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  cmd+="\""+loc[i]+"_struct,\""+loc[i]+"_struct,\"
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cmd=strmid(cmd,0,strlen(cmd)-1)+")"
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void=execute(cmd)
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i hope that helps, Markus

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