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Subject: IDL 5 Syntax ?

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Greetings all,

I have a syntax question regarding IDL objects. I have a object which has as one of it's data elements

a pointer to a structure (data). In a method (draw) if I try to access part of the structure like:

```
plot, *self.data.X
```

I get the dread "Must be a structure in this context" message. (Which

I think it is)

Where as if I do a :

```
ds = *self.data
```

```
Plot,ds.X
```

Everyone is happy. Why?

Thanks,

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NOAA/NGDC

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