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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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I am hoping that's there is a bug in the description because I am using
very often
the '!' sign in the first place.

```
IDL> a=create_struct('!global','test')
IDL> help,a,/str
** Structure <1354968>, 1 tags, length=8, refs=1:
  !GLOBAL    STRING  'test'
```

I need this sign to separate user definition from system definitions.

R.Bauer

File Attachments

1) [R.Bauer.vcf](#), downloaded 113 times

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It's pretty funny too. Try these with an older version of IDL:

```
a = create_struct('(1)', 1)
```

```
a = create_struct('1', 1)
```

```
a = create_struct('.', 1)
```

That's just not right. Pretty cool though.

Craig

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Prior to IDL 5.3, create_struct() did not check for legal tag names. In IDL 5.3, it does.

Cheers,
Liam.

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