Subject: Re: Strings as variables?
Posted by Craig Markwardt on Fri, 09 Mar 2001 23:10:02 GMT
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brbojkov@netscape.net (B. R. Bojkov) writes:

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You probably aren't missing something big. The answer is to also call
the subroutines mentioned in number 3 by using the EXECUTE statement
as well. This sounds kind of kludgey, but that's probably because
steps 1 and 2 are a bit kludgey as well. I'm wondering, why does the
name of the variable make a difference? Couldn't you just call it
DATA in your procedure?

If the number of variables is itself variable, then this is a time to
use pointers, or more specifically arrays of pointers.

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Posted by R.Bauer on Sat, 10 Mar 2001 18:03:56 GMT
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> Thanks in advance,
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> Bojan

Hi,

you should use structures.

because then you do not need EXECUTE. x=CREATE_STRUCT(name,data)

If you are using EXECUTE you will never be able to use your
routines in RUNTIME.

I have already a tool to read in the total datasets into a structure.
(ICG-DATA-STRUCTURE). If you are interested please give me a note.

This data structure is explained in my publication:
http://www.fz-juelich.de/zb/text/publikation/juel3786.html

regards

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