Subject: Re: Test if variable is a string
Posted by Kenneth P. Bowman on Tue, 04 Feb 2003 13:23:30 GMT

In article <qzu65s0xtbv.fsf@sand.science.uva.nl>,
 Carsten Dominik <dominik@_DROP_THIS_science.uva.nl> wrote:

> So what is the magic word for determining the type of a variable?

type = SIZE(variable, /TYPE)

What, that isn't obvious? ;-)

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: Test if variable is a string
Posted by Carsten Dominik on Tue, 04 Feb 2003 15:23:40 GMT

>>>> > "KPB" == Kenneth P Bowman <kpb@null.com> writes:

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Exactly! :-) Thanks

- Carsten

Subject: Re: Test if variable is a string
Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 04 Feb 2003 16:21:14 GMT

Kenneth P. Bowman (kpb@null.com) writes:

> type = SIZE(variable, /TYPE)

I just point out that in code you want to be able
to read and understand later, that the TNAME keyword
is also useful. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Test if variable is a string
Posted by Richard French on Wed, 05 Feb 2003 03:10:10 GMT
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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote:

>
> I just point out that in code you want to be able
> to read and understand later,....

Gee, who would want to do that?

Does anyone here remember the glory days of FORTH?
A true 'write-only' language. It's like reading raw
Postscript and trying to remember what is on the stack
And how it got there.

Which makes me think about all of the other dead programming languages out
there - does anyone still use Pascal? I seem to recall that the original Mac
code was written in Pascal - about as different a language from IDL as I can
think of.

Dick French