
Subject: Assigning structure tag names from variables?

Posted by [Jonathan Greenberg](#) on Mon, 14 Mar 2005 19:39:43 GMT

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Is there any way to use a variable as the name of a structure tag? For instance:

```
tagnamevar='mytagname'  
somedata=1.2  
structurename={tagnamevar:somedata}  
print,tag_names(structurename)
```

Returns, as you IDL'ers know,
TAGNAMEVAR and not MYTAGNAME

Thoughts?

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Subject: Re: Assigning structure tag names from variables?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 14 Mar 2005 20:14:57 GMT

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Jonathan Greenberg writes:

> What the hell would I do without this mailing list? Probably spend 3 days
> bonking my head against a wall... Thanks again, guys!

It's faster than reading through the list of procedures and functions, I have to admit, although I still recommend you take a slow day and do the reading, too. It truly is amazing what you find out. I try to do it several times a year. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. I found an answer to a particularly vexing question on my own web page this morning, so I guess I have to add *that* to the reading schedule, too. :-)

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