
Subject: DELVAR in widget-based app?

Posted by [hschult](#) on Mon, 28 Nov 1994 18:33:25 GMT

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Hello,

in a widget-based application (IDL Version 3.5), when the user wants to start analyzing a new data set, I need to release the windows and arrays from the previous set. WDELETE is fine for the windows, but what about the arrays? Can I use DELVAR somehow?

- 1) Does it work for arrays and vectors of structures?
- 2) The manual states, "DELVAR can onnly be called from the main program level"
How does this fit in with an event-driven widget application where the main level is controlled by XMANAGER?

Thanks for any help,
.Howard Schultens hschult@gwdg.de

Subject: Re: delvar

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Thu, 04 Feb 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Dave Brennan wrote:

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> Hi
>
> I was wondering, is there another way of deleting variable to clear
> memory other than using delvar. The probelm with delvar is that it
> resets the main program, thus stopping the remainder from being
> processed.
>
> Thanks for your help
>
> Dave Brennan

Use undefine.pro from David Fanning at <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Martin.

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Subject: Re: delvar

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 04 Feb 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Dave Brennan (9147261b@clinmed.gla.ac.uk) writes:

> I was wondering, is there another way of deleting variable to clear
> memory other than using delvar. The problem with delvar is that it
> resets the main program, thus stopping the remainder from being
> processed.

Huh!? I don't think so. Can we have an example of how you are using this? I've never known this to happen with DELVAR. You could try my UNDEFINE programs, which has the advantage of working inside of programs and not just at the main IDL level, but I suspect DELVAR is not really your problem. :-)

ftp://www.dfanning.com/pub/dfanning/outgoing/idl_examples/un_define.pro

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 05 Feb 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Dominic Zarro (zarro@tidalwave.net) writes:

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> is permanently deleted from IDL memory, but it

> is useful for undefining the variable:
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> level.

Hey! Come on. You're giving away all the secrets!

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Dominic Zarro](#) on Fri, 05 Feb 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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