
Subject: Re: How to see if variable is defined?
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In article <RFINCH.95Jan20094331@venice.water.ca.gov>, rfinch@water.ca.gov (Ralph Finch) writes:

> Is there a nice way of checking if a variable is defined?
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> see if the menu is defined before destroying it.

n_elements will tell you if a variable is defined:

IDL> print, n_elements(myvar)

will be 0 if myvar is not defined, 1 if myvar is a scalar, else number of elements in array.

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Subject: Re: How to see if variable is defined?
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: rfinch@dop.water.ca.gov / finger for PGP public key

: "Nada burra la chamaca." A.G.

: Any opinions expressed are my own; they do not represent my employer

examine size(var). if s(s(0)+1) equal zero, var is undefined.

Or try the function keyword_set. But it has some problems if the variable to be examined is zero.

Peter

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