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Subject: Assigning structure variables

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Hi,

I just ran into a problem when I tried to assign the minimum-index returned by the min()-function to an array-element I\_LON[i].

```
a=min(ABS(GLON - PLON[i]),I_LON[i])
```

```
Attempt to store into an expression: <LONG ( 0)>.
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```
IDL> help, I_LON
```

```
I_LON      LONG      = Array[126236]
```

```
a=min(ABS(GLON - PLON[i]),b)
```

```
I_LON[i]=b
```

```
works
```

Well, I read Davids tips on precedence and Assigning Structure Values but they are all about pointers and nested structures. To me it seems I\_LON is a plain array. I guess I haven't yet understood how variables are exchanged with functions/procedures.

Anyone can shed a light on this?

Regards

Bernhard

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