Subject: Re: Is there a better way???
Posted by penteado on Wed, 12 Oct 2011 02:37:45 GMT
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On Oct 11, 6:30 pm, Beaker <mattjamesfran...@gmail.com> wrote:
> This feels like an awful hack, and has the limitiation that it can
> only be run once a session as I can't work out how to specify the name
> of the structure (since replicate can't be convinced to interpret a
> string as the name of a structure).

I do not see why it would run only once per session. Anyway, it seems
that what you are looking for is create_struct(), possibly with
idl_validname(). See the help on them.

Subject: Re: Is there a better way???
Posted by penteado on Wed, 12 Oct 2011 03:52:27 GMT
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On Oct 11, 6:30 pm, Beaker <mattjamesfran...@gmail.com> wrote:
> nrows = <int derived after reading in data to temporary strarr line by
> line>

By the way, there is usually no need to read into a strarr line by
line. It is typically done with

lines=strarr(file_lines(file))
openr,unitr,file,/get_lun
readf,unitr,lines
free_lun,unitr

Subject: Re: Is there a better way???
Posted by Matt Francis on Wed, 12 Oct 2011 04:28:23 GMT
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Thanks Paulo, that's exactly what I'm after.