
Subject: Re: change values of structure variable

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 06 Nov 2012 15:23:40 GMT

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sid writes:

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> Please help in changing values stored in structure variable.
> What I tried is,
>
> IDL> help,/str,atmos
> ** Structure <911e87c>, 11 tags, length=22780, data length=22780, refs=1:
> NHYDR      LONG      6
> NELEM      LONG      99
> MOVING     LONG      0
> T          DOUBLE   Array[3, 82]
> N_ELEC     DOUBLE   Array[3, 82]
> VTURB      DOUBLE   Array[3, 82]
> NH         DOUBLE   Array[3, 82, 6]
> ID         STRING   'FALC_03x82.atmos (Tue Nov 6 10:32:22 2012'...
> ELEMENTS   STRUCT   -> <Anonymous> Array[99]
> BACKGRFLAGS STRUCT   -> <Anonymous> Array[284]
> BACKGRRECNO LONG     Array[284]
>
> Here I want to change the values of VTURB to 2500.0000
> SO I did,
> IDL> atmos.vturb(*,*)=2500.0000
> now temporarily it changes to 2500.0000, This is in a common block. So while running the main
program the vturb value goes back to the original value instead of the changed 2500.0000.
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> Please help me in changing the value.
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You can't change anything about a structure once you create it in the IDL session. If you have a field that is changing, as this one is, you should make that field a pointer to the value you want to store there.

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: change values of structure variable
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Tue, 06 Nov 2012 18:23:57 GMT
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end
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test1
print,a.b
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Subject: Re: change values of structure variable
Posted by [gunvicsin11](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2012 04:58:28 GMT
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Will please let me know if there is any mistake.

thanking you

sid

Subject: Re: change values of structure variable

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2012 14:30:08 GMT

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Subject: Re: change values of structure variable
Posted by [gunvicsin11](#) on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 03:56:03 GMT
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Sir,

atom.common is the common block program
and this is the content of the common block,
"COMMON atmosCommon, atmos, H, metals, molecules, nHmin"
read2datmos.pro is the function which uses common block variable.
thanking you
Sid

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Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 04:37:23 GMT
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Posted by [sid](#) on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 06:06:42 GMT
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Sir,

Two functions are using the common block. One is read2datmos.pro and another is readatmos.pro

So in this readatmos.pro

There is a statement like "@atom.common" and this atom.common is the common block as I mentioned earlier.

But I need to use the test1.pro(I have mentioned earlier) in order to change the values of atmos.vturb(where atmos is common block variable).

But I dont know where to use this test1.pro in order to make it work.

thanking you

Sid
