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Posted by wlandsman on Wed, 24 Dec 2014 21:29:09 GMT
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Posted by Michael Galloy on Thu, 25 Dec 2014 00:11:52 GMT
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Subject: Re: Nested data structures
Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Thu, 25 Dec 2014 04:49:39 GMT
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And to make it even more convenient, you can simply append the subscripts inside the first set of brackets and it will automatically descend into the sub-hashes:

IDL> print,person['Colorado', 'Denver']
2

Happy Holidays,
Chris

Subject: Re: Nested data structures
Posted by wlandsman on Fri, 26 Dec 2014 20:02:12 GMT
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Thanks Mike and Chris for pointing me in the right direction.

I want to build the data structure one step at a time, and it took me a while to figure out how to add new cities, but concatenation works nicely. --Wayne

```
IDL> person['Colorado'] += hash('FtCollins',5)
IDL> person
{
   "Colorado": {
      "Boulder": 1,
      "FtCollins": 5,
      "Denver": 2
   },
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