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Posted by [R. Bauer](#) on Thu, 30 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: execute problem

Posted by [steinhh](#) on Fri, 31 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <32F09DD4.794B@kfa-juelich.de>, "R. Bauer" <r.bauer@kfa-juelich.de> writes:

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Take a look at the function CREATE_STRUCT()

You should be able to rewrite any structure definition into a series of CREATE_STRUCT() statements, adding tag after tag, i.e.,

```
struct = create_struct(struct,tagname,value)
```

I suspect it might be less efficient, in fact, since it could lead to excessive copying as you build up the structure.

It should work, though.

Stein Vidar

Subject: Re: execute problem

Posted by [alpha](#) on Sat, 01 Feb 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Phil Williams <williams@irc.chmcc.org> writes:

> R. Bauer wrote:

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> One way that I could think of off the top of my head would be to

> reference your structures via tag number instead of tag name. i.e.

> structure.(0).(1).(10)

> I'd imagine that there might be some overhead if you are using anonymous

> strutures to determine the tag placement. Something like,

> names = tag_names(structure)

> index1 = where(names eq structure2)

> names = tag_names(structure.(index))

> index2 = where(names eq structure3)

> etc.

> ps = ').('

> command = \$

> 'print, structure.(' +strtrim(index1,2)+ps+strtrim(index2,2)+ps+....

> Hope this helps,

>

Phil,

this is fine, but what can you do, if:

have to access slices of arrays in structure-tagname???

```
struct={ tagname: fltarr(10,20) }
```

```
print,struct.tagname(*,12:15)
```

Can you programm this ?

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we use 4.0.1 (on VMS 6.13.2G)

it is not a border for the string-length, i successfully created
structures with execute having a string of 1500 Chars...

it is

a) a problem of comma (,): you cant use more than 123 my
knowledge or the function-parameter-transfer will fail

b) a problem of tag-types: if you create a lot of different types of tags, than the execute will fail with programm code area fail!

I contacted Creaso on it and they can reproduce the error with my fail.pro on each platform (see X-Mas- survey). My fail.pro changes the tagtyp everytime (which is worst). In this case the execute will fail at the 24th tag! The length of the string is void!

c) Mr. Allewelt from Creaso contacted RSI and is working on this problem.

you can do a work around by doing a iterative create_structure call in a execute-simulating-routine! I have written such a routine to be able to work with more than 24 tags, but the routine is about 100 times slower!!!

Creating a structure is lasting about 1-2 secs in this case, which is much to long!

Dr. Roepcke

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Posted by [steinhh](#) on Sun, 02 Feb 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <5cvbot\$r2@jungle.deceiver.org>, alpha@jungle.deceiver.org (HSR Sys-Admin) writes:

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```

Well, "struct.(0)" *should* be equivalent to "struct.tagname", so why not try it - works for me:

```
IDL> struct={ tagname: fltarr(10,20) }  
IDL> help,struct.(0)(*,12:15)  
<Expression>  FLOAT    = Array(10, 4)
```

Stein Vidar
