
Subject: Re: length of variables

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R. Bauer <r.bauer@kfa-juelich.de> writes:

- > I know that's variable names could be very long in idl.
- > Which is the last position in a variable name where idl could make a
- > distinction between two nearly same pronounced variable names?

Variables in IDL 4.0.1 can have up to 128 letters. I suppose two variables could be unique with up to 127 letters. In earlier versions of IDL, variable names could be long, but only the first 15 letters were significant and used to distinguish between two different variables.

- > I believe there is a difference to tag (variable) names belonging to
- > structures. Is this correct?

I don't know. I don't have reasons to suspect so, but I don't, as a rule, use longish names in structures. I try to use *short* names. :-)

Cheers!

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