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Subject: Strange memory problem

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When I do the following:

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temp=bytarr(1000,1000,25)
temp(*)=10
```

my computer (a Sparc20 with 128MB of \*available\* ram) grinds to a halt. Actually it starts using swap. Don't tell me PV-Wave is making 5 or 6 copies of the array just to do this simple process!

Has anyone else seen this curious behavior on PV-Wave? IDL? I have verified it on a PC, and using different versions of PV-Wave(6.1,7.0).

I have played around with the z-value and 25 (i.e. 25MB) is roughly the cutoff for going into swap for a 128MB system.

Kyle

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