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Subject: Re: % Loop limit expression too large for loop variable type.

Posted by [davidf](#) on Mon, 30 Apr 2001 17:00:41 GMT

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hua Guo (gh75@usa.net) writes:

> I got this error message when I tried to run a program:  
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> % Loop limit expression too large for loop variable type.  
> <LONG ( 54695)>.  
>  
> What is wrong here? I am a beginner here.

Normally, any integer in IDL is a short (two byte) integer, including integers in loop expressions. You need your loop variables to be LONG (four byte) integers. You can set this up in one of two different ways.

The most common way is to force the loop expression to be a long integer:

```
FOR j=0L, n DO Whatever
```

The second is to make ALL integers in your program be long integers. You do this by putting a `COMPILE_OPT` statement in your program module:

```
PRO JUNK  
  Compile_Opt defint32
```

Cheers,

David

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