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Subject: Re: Using MIN on arrays : Exorcising loops?  
Posted by [Martin Downing](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2001 11:51:14 GMT  
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Hows it going Andrew,

I tested it first and it certainly worked for me. Not with you on the need for an initial test.

Craig's version is fine, heck its only 2 loops! However I am curious as to what went wrong for you

Either its a monday morning thing or IDL is hemisphere dependant: try > in place of

< ;)!

cheers Martin

```
IDL> data_array = fix(randomu(1,3,3,3)*10)
```

```
IDL> print, data_array
```

```
4 0 7
```

```
5 9 3
```

```
6 0 7
```

```
6 3 6
```

```
8 5 6
```

```
2 2 7
```

```
7 9 0
```

```
2 8 2
```

```
5 3 2
```

```
IDL> print, data_array[*,* ,0] < data_array[*,* ,1] < data_array[*,* ,2]
```

```
4 0 0
```

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2 5 2
```

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2 0 2
```

IDL> print, !version

{ x86 Win32 Windows 5.4 Pommie Version Sep 25 2000 32 64}

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"Jaco van Gorkom" <j.c.van.gorkom@fz-juelich.de> wrote in message  
news:3BC16C4B.B424CD8C@fz-juelich.de...

> andrew cool wrote:

>> Martin Downing wrote:

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>>> For a simple case like this, why not just use:

>>> Min\_array = data\_array[:,\*,0] < data\_array[:,\*,1] <  
data\_array[:,\*,2]

>>

>>

>> Now that I'm back at work, I regret to advise that your approach  
>> doesn't work. [...]

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> Do you get some kind of error message then? Here it works all right (IDL  
5.4).

> Just interested.

>

> Cheers,

> Jaco