
Subject: Re: Loop Arrays

Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Tue, 16 Oct 2001 15:11:03 GMT

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On Mon, 15 Oct 2001, R.G.S. wrote:

>
> My 2 cents:
> Just write a function ind() that accepts a string, and returns the desired
> index array.
> Then call the array as follows:
>
> b = a(ind("-70:-56"))
>
> I almost wrote that function, but I had too much work to do.
>

I like this idea even if its not as transparent as laying a filter over the existing IDL session that re-parses your code for you. Mostly because this could be coded fairly easily and through keywords can even supply multiple behaviors (i.e. circular vs from_right vs reverse...)

However, how would your ind() function know what it is subscripting? Wouldnt it have to be:

```
b = ind(a, "-70:-56" )
```

Thanks,
-k.

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