
Subject: Re: IDL, arrays, and memory

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 04 Feb 2003 16:54:15 GMT

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Sean Raffuse (sean@me.wustl.edu) writes:

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> I would like to create a jagged array. My array is something like:
>
> array = intarr(3600, 1600, 240 or less)
>
> Do I save space by creating a jagged array where the 3rd dimension is of
> variable size? Is that even possible? Should I just stick with
> 3600x1600x240?
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What language are you thinking of doing this in, Sean? :-)

As a general rule, it is better to get all the memory you need at once, then trim. This avoids memory fragmentation problems, etc.

But "jagged arrays". I'd like to see this when you are finished. :-)

Cheers,

David

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