
Subject: Re: How to solve this problem?

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"tomson" <tom2959@21cn.com> wrote in message news:<b75cmt\$1ebn\$1@mail.cn99.com>...

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> for i=0,n_elements(y)-1 do begin
>   .....
> endfor
>
>
> ERROR MESSAGE:
> Loop limit expression too large for loop variable type.
> <LONG ( 60214)>.
>
> But my program cannot do without that loop.
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Others have replied to the issue at hand, but here's a general hint: Some people (like me) only scan newsgroups occasionally, when we have a minute, and at least I personally find it annoying when the subject line of an article reads "help" or "I have a problem" or "How to solve this problem?" -- it means that I have to retrieve that article and read through it before I even know whether I am qualified to answer it. Maybe it's about something I don't understand myself, and then it seems it would be polite to give me at least a hint what you're talking about in the subject line so I don't have to read your article in the first place.

Had you chosen the error message itself as a "subject" ("Loop limit expression too large for loop variable type") every reader of the group would've known what your post is about and whether they know the answer.

Even better: If you copy/paste the full error message into the google-news interface at <http://groups.google.com/groups?group=comp.lang.idl-pvwave> you'll get the answer to your problem without even having to post. I find this to be a good first step with all kinds of computer-related questions, as it gives me a bit of an idea how common the problem at hand is -- have others encountered it, how did they proceed, what advice was given to them etc. Even if my question can't be answered that way, I often find a useful hint that helps me solve my problem myself.
