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Subject: Re: null array

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Tomson writes:

> But What I want to do is to initialize several arrays which are in common  
> block and their length will be changed for different call and the lengths  
> of them may be zero. If the lengths of them are zero, the process will be  
> changed. If there is not any initialization, the array return to the main  
> program may be the former ones.

If I understand you correctly, you may find a pointer  
useful in this situation. A pointer could point to  
a "null array", in the sense that it would point to  
an "undefined variable":

```
ptr = Ptr_New(/Allocate_Heap)
IF N_Elements(*ptr) EQ 0 THEN Print, 'Pointer undefined' ELSE $
  *ptr = [initValue]
```

Cheers,

David

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