
Subject: Talking to Matlab

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I'm trying to get and set variables in Matlab from IDL. Using an older newsgroup posting of how to do this, I'm able to put an array created in IDL into Matlab and see it in Matlab's workspace, but I'm getting a "bad variable type" response from Matlab when I try to get the array back into IDL. Anyone see what my problem is in the code below? Or, if there's a better way to do this that would be valuable information as well. This is with IDL 6 and Matlab 6.5 R13. Many thanks.

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IDL> oMatlab6=OBJ_NEW('IDLcomIDDispatch$PROGID$Matlab_Application_6')
IDL> data=DINDGEN(100)
IDL> PLOT, data
IDL> oMatlab6->PutFullMatrix,'fromidl','base',data,data
IDL> oMatlab6->Execute,'plot(fromidl);'
IDL> fromMat = oMatlab6->GetFullMatrix('fromidl','base',zreal,zimag)
% IDLCOMIDISPATCH$PROGID$MATLAB_APPLICATION_6::GETFULLMATRIX: Unable
to
call method GETFULLMATRIX.
Bad variable type.
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```
