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Subject: Re: 9 dimensions arrays

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In article <MPG.1c1eb6cc10c06fca98989b@news.frii.com>,  
David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Francois writes:

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>> How to create nine dimensions (9D) arrays ?

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>> The command make\_array takes only 8 dimensions...

>> It seems the same for intarr, fltarr, etc.

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> That's right. Eight is the limit in IDL.

Well, you could make your own n-dimensional arrays by using  
one-dimensional arrays and writing your own subscripting function, e.g.,

```
dims = [n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6, n7, n8, n9]
```

```
x = FLTARR(PRODUCT(dims))
```

```
x[MY_INDEX(i1, i2, i3, i4, i5, i6, i7, i8, i9, DIMS = dims)] = ...
```

The MY\_INDEX function would convert from subscripts to 1-D array index  
(what IDL does for normal subscripts internally).

Of course, it wouldn't be particularly fast. ;-)

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