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Subject: Re: Read \_tiff with Sub\_Rect Keyword  
Posted by [Chris\[2\]](#) on Wed, 27 Jul 2005 19:28:55 GMT  
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Couldn't you eliminate the loop entirely using stride?

```
image[*, *, m] = a[*,0:samples-1:xper+1]
```

Or, even better, since you are inserting the "a" array into a contiguous block of memory in "image", you can just use 0,0 as the subscripts:

```
image[0, 0, m] = a[*,0:samples-1:xper+1]
```

This will insert the entire "a" subarray into "image", starting at position [0,0]. This is *\*much\** faster than using index ranges, or even the *\**'s, because IDL doesn't have to compute the locations internally. It just copies the data as one block.

One other point. I think you want just "xper" in your loop, not "xper+1". And finally, if your image isn't a multiple of "xper", your array indexing will run off the end. So I think you really want to compute ximg and yimg as:

```
ximg = (samples + xper - 1)/xper  
yimg = (lines + yper - 1)/yper
```

-Chris

<meinel@aero.org> wrote in message  
news:1122383746.592213.326040@g44g2000cwa.googlegroups.com.. .

```
> Isn't it more efficient to write  
>  
>   for j=0,samples-1,xper+1 do begin  
>     image[0:2,k,m] = a[0:2,j]  
>     k++  
>   endfor  
>
```

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