
Subject: Subscription of array (the *-problem)
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Hi all,

I'm currently optimizing all code of our PET-analysing program in IDL.
One part of it is the following statement which turned out to use quite
some time:

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pTemp = (*pCurScan)->GetTimeFrame(i+1)  
If( Ptr_Valid(pTemp) EQ 0 ) Then Continue  
  
p = (*pTemp)->GetPixelData()  
If( Ptr_Valid(p) EQ 0 ) Then Continue  
  
PD[*,*,*,i] = (*p) * Fact  
If( Ptr_Valid(p) ) Then Ptr_Free, p  
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Now it's the PD[*,*,*,i] = statement of which i'm concerned; it uses
asterixs on the left side of the operator and David Fanning's site told
me that's not very elegant :).

Now, the solution his site gives is - as far as I can see (haven been
IDL-programmer for what...just a few months now) - only usable for
two-dimensional arrays? Well I'm working with images where I have
multiple dimensions (x,y,plane,frame).

Is there someone wise in here who could give me a hint about how to
optimize this bit of code?

Thnx in advance!

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