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Subject: Re: What? You can't histogram a string array?  
Posted by [Braedley](#) on Tue, 28 Nov 2006 19:23:58 GMT  
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JD Smith wrote:

> On Tue, 28 Nov 2006 09:52:06 -0800, Braedley wrote:

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>> Braedley wrote:

>>> JD, a small nitpick: ind\_int\_sort will occasionally take the index from  
>>> [a, b], and not from just a. This can quickly lead to out of bounds  
>>> conditions if the user doesn't want to index [a, b], but just wants to  
>>> index a. In my case, a is a column from a 2D string array, where b is  
>>> just a 1D string array. I think a where statement is all that is  
>>> needed to fix this (I know, it'll slow it down for large sets).

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>>> Braedley

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>> Actually, the fix was much easier than previously thought. Instead of  
>> return, srt[wh]  
>> use  
>> return, srt[wh]<srt[wh+1]

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>> I haven't done any tests, but it shouldn't take much longer for sparse  
>> or small sets.

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> That is a clever fix, but if the ordering of elements from a and b is  
> random, and if you have a repeated set in a match a repeated set in b, and  
> their interleaved sorted order is random, you'll get back a random number  
> of the matching repeats (not 1, as was intended).

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> See my other post though, and let me know your findings w.r.t. SORT.

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> Thanks,

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> JD

I hit an out of bounds on my first try. Running MacOSX, 10.4.8,  
IDLv6.2. Unfortunately, I do need the indices, as I pointed out  
earlier. Perhaps I'll use BSORT instead.