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Subject: Re: Array resize with arbitrary arithmetic  
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 03:26:45 GMT  
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Hi Radha,

"David Fanning" <[news@dfanning.com](mailto:news@dfanning.com)> wrote in message  
news:MPG.205f7ed4a7dbb8da989ed1@news.frii.com...

> David Fanning writes:

>

>>> image=read\_bmp('9 March 2007\775u.bmp') ; 640x240 array

>>> temp = Rebin(image, 2, 320, 240)

>>> temp = Total(Temporary(temp), 1)

> [...]

> I \*think\* the answer to the original question, which

> looks to me like we want to multiply the first pixel

> by 256 and add the second, adjacent pixel to it (does

> that seem weird to you!?) is this:

>

> image=read\_bmp('9 March 2007\775u.bmp') ; 640x240 array

> temp = Rebin(image, 2, 320, 240) ; Adjacent pixels in cols

> temp[0,\*,\*] = temp[0,\*,\*] \* 256 ; Multiply 1st col by 256.

> temp = Total(temp,1) ; Add columns together.

That's not bad, but if I'm right, this arithmetic isn't so arbitrary! We're just turning each pair of bytes into an unsigned short integer, so this one line should do the whole thing:

```
comp_image = UInt(image, 0, 320, 240)
```

... except if you're on a "little-endian" machine, you'll need to swap the bytes. This statement will work to fix it if needed:

```
Swap_Endian_InPlace, comp_image, /Swap_If_Little_Endian
```

Now, I don't have your data, but this test should prove the point. I tested it on Intel (little-endian) and works fine, can someone double-check it on big-endian hardware, please?

```
IDL> image=bindgen(6,2)*21B
```

```
IDL> print,image
```

```
0 21 42 63 84 105
```

```
126 147 168 189 210 231
```

```
IDL> comp_image = UInt(image, 0, 3, 2)
```

```
IDL> Swap_Endian_InPlace, comp_image, /Swap_If_Little_Endian
```

```
IDL> print,comp_image
```

```
21 10815 21609
```

```
32403 43197 53991
```

If you really need the result as Long, then *\*after\** all this, do

```
comp_image = Long(comp_image)
```

Hope this helps!

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Cheers,

-Dick

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