
Subject: Re: HISTOGRAM and string data
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Caught up in doing things "the IDL way", my brain just quit on me.

"The Klunky Way":

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IDL> unique_i = uniq(String_data,sort(String_data))
IDL> unique_strings = String_data[unique_i]
IDL> String_code = intarr(n_elements(String_data))
IDL> for i=0,n_elements(unique_strings)-1 do $
IDL>   String_code[where(String_data eq unique_strings[i])] = i
```

All the fancy HISTOGRAM magic then works like a charm on String_code.
