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Subject: Re: Loop through arrays with different names

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On Aug 1, 8:04 pm, hazel <hazel.ken...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hello,  
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> I have a really simple problem that always happens when I starting  
> trying to use strings..  
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> I want to loop through a series of arrays, each with a slightly  
> different name (det1arr(n,3), det2arr(n,3), det3arr(n,3)..etc..) and  
> subject each to the same function:  
>  
> a quick outline is:  
>  
> for j=1,8 do begin  
>  
> for i=0, n-1 do begin  
>  
> vx=det1arr(i, 0) ; where the 1 is effectively the value of 'j'  
> vy=det1arr(i, 1)  
> vz=det1arr(i, 2)  
>  
> result(i,j)=some\_function(vx, vy, vz)  
>  
> endfor  
>  
> So can I do something like: vx=det+j+arr(i,0)? (Only that clearly  
> won't work)? There must be a way? Otherwise I can reload all my  
> different arrays into one array I realise and just loop through that.  
>  
> I'm sure it's something painfully simple and for that I apologise, but  
> it is the end of the day (for me anyway),  
>  
> Thanks,  
>  
> Hazel

A somewhat more flexible approach is to collect the similar variables into a struct:

```
det_struct = {d1:det1arr, d2:det2arr, ...}
```

and then do a for-loop over the struct's fields

```
n_fields = n_tags(det_struct)
for ix_struct = 0, n_fields-1 do begin
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current_field = det_struct.(ix)
for ix_var = 0, n do begin
  -- do whatever here --
endfor
endfor
```

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