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Subject: Re: explain THIS one  
Posted by [Spon](#) on Mon, 04 Feb 2008 14:51:36 GMT  
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On Feb 4, 2:31 pm, cmanc...@ufl.edu wrote:

> On Feb 4, 9:29 am, cmanc...@ufl.edu wrote:

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>> I'm having an error in my code and I stop it to check out what is  
>> going on. Here's the three relevant lines of code:

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>> minmag = min(sims[mag,\*],max=maxmag)

>> nbins = (maxmag-minmag)/magbinsize

>> magres = fltarr(3\*nfilters,nbins)

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>> Here's some commands I type into a command line to investigate my  
>> issues:

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>> IDL> help,nbins

>> NBINS        FLOAT    =    7.00000

>> IDL> help,magres

>> MAGRES        FLOAT    = Array[6, 6]

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>> Anyone see a problem here? nbins is a float of size 7.0, and yet  
>> magres ends up with 6 rows!!!! To add to the fun I then type the  
>> following:

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>> IDL> nbins = 7.0

>> IDL> magres = fltarr(3\*nfilters,nbins)

>> IDL> help,magres

>> MAGRES        FLOAT    = Array[6, 7]

>

>> To summarize, my array is created with the wrong dimensions, so I re-  
>> assign one of the variables with the exact same value that it had  
>> before, recreate my array, and it works! ?????? Looks like a bug to  
>> me...

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> And in case anyone thinks this might be part of the problem:

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> IDL> help,nbins

> NBINS        FLOAT    =    7.00000

> IDL> help,nfilters

> NFILTERS      LONG     =        2

> IDL> magres = fltarr(3\*nfilters,long(nbins))

> IDL> help,magres

> MAGRES        FLOAT    = Array[6, 6]

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help,fltarr(6,6.99)  
<Expression>  FLOAT  = Array[6, 6]
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nbins = (maxmag-minmag)/magbinsize
```

If this ever returns a value just under 7.00000 it'll always be rounded down when it's converted . I suspect this is what's happening to you.

To test it, you could try:

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magres = fltarr(3*nfilters,round(nbins))
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Does this fix your problem?

Chris

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