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Subject: Re: Most Common IDL Programming Errors  
Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2008 17:54:02 GMT  
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On Apr 11, 12:41 pm, "R.G. Stockwell" <notha...@noemail.com> wrote:  
> <sav...@nsidc.org> wrote in message  
>  
> news:ywkufxtss6b9.fsf@snowblow.colorado.edu...  
>  
>> "R.G. Stockwell" <notha...@noemail.com> writes:  
>  
>> a = fltarr(len) + !values.f\_nan  
>  
>> What about  
>> a = make\_array(len, value=!values.f\_nan)  
>  
>> That's what I use. I'm sure it saves me some computational power by not  
>> having  
>> to compute those values I'm just going to overwrite anyway. :)  
>  
> You know, I am just the kind of person who will end up time testing  
> those variations. And seeing what operation is faster: fltarr(len) +  
> !values.f\_nan,  
> fltarr(len) - !values.f\_nan, fltarr(len) \* !values.f\_nan, or  
> fltarr(len)/!values.f\_nan  
>  
> :)  
>  
> Cheers,  
> bob

I'm waiting with bated breath. 8^)

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