
Subject: Array has a corrupted discriptor, reliable?

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Hello folks,

I am using IDL in corporation with Fortran and I am using arrays of variable size. Because I am in the initial stage of the program, I might make mistakes and have Fortran write data outside of my arrays.

A simple example:

```
idlarray = FltArr(OneTooFew)
```

```
Call_External,... (writng outside the idlarray bounds)
```

```
....
```

```
End
```

And I get a corrupted discriptor and the End in IDL. I was expecting a Segmentation fault, because I write data on a location that I have not allocated.

Will I always get an error if I have Fortran write outside of my bounds or do I take the risk that I write data on wrong places without noticing?

(This time, I am glad if I see an error message).

Greetings,
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