Subject: Re: how to preserve trailing Shallow dimensions! Posted by vino on Thu, 14 Aug 2008 13:39:44 GMT

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Hi!

Thank you very much for the reply. As you said, my problem is with the size function. I am doing stellar photometry. I store star position in an array and most of the time, i am tracking more than 1 star but the problem arose when i had only star in my image. But i think the problem might be solved if i follow your example...

Thanks again,

Vino

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On Aug 14, 2:28 pm, Vince Hradil <hrad...@yahoo.com> wrote:
> On Aug 14, 6:33 am, vino <astrocr...@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> Hello Everyone,
>> I was wondering whether there is any way i can preserve a trailing
>> shallow dimension in array?
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>> eg:
>> IDL> ab=make_array(2,1,1)
>> IDL> print, size(ab, /dimensions)
>> How can i make it preserve it as 2 1 1?
>> Thanks and regards,
>> Vino
> Perhaps you should tell us why... The answer may be different than
> you expect...
>
  So, anyways, the trailing dims are "still there" as 1's:
>
> IDL> f = findgen(3,1,1)
> IDL> help, f
> F
             FLOAT
                       = Array[3]
> IDL> help, f[*,0]
> <Expression> FLOAT
                            = Array[3]
> IDL> help, f[*,0,0]
> <Expression> FLOAT
                            = Array[3]
> IDL> print, f
     0.000000
                  1.00000
                              2.00000
> IDL> print, f[*,*]
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0.000000
                   1.00000
                              2.00000
>
  IDL> print, f[*,0]
>
     0.000000
                   1.00000
                              2.00000
>
  IDL> print, f[*,0,0]
                  1.00000
     0.000000
                              2.00000
>
 IDL> print, f[*,*,*]
     0.000000
                   1.00000
                              2.00000
>
>
> If you are worried about the SIZE function:
> IDL> fsize = size(f,/dimensions)
> IDL > nx = fsize[0]
> IDL> if n_elements(fsize) gt 1 then ny = fsize[1] else ny = 1L
> IDL> if n_elements(fsize) gt 2 then nz = fsize[2] else nz = 1L
> etc...
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