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Subject: histogram and UINT

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I've discovered an interesting "feature" in histogram... I'm sure it's the expected behaviour, but in this case it had a consequence that bit me.

I have some unsigned integer input data that I want to histogram. I'm looking at things right around the saturation level, so most of the data is exactly 65535, but I also want a bin past that. The following works:

```
h = histogram(data, min=65500ul, max=65535ul)
```

But the following doesn't:

```
h = histogram(data, min=65500ul, max=65536ul)
% HISTOGRAM: Illegal binsize or max/min.
```

What seems to be happening is that the min/max values are cast into the same data type as data, in this case giving a nonsensical max of 0u. To do what I want, I need to cast data into a ULONG in this histogram call... or use max=65535u and append an appropriate number of 0s onto h.

-Jeremy.

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