
Subject: Re: Still missing features in IDL 8

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Hi Paulo,

Great ideas! I just added #1 to the list (ha!) of potential features for IDL 8.1.

Regarding #2, what if you could use additional indices to access array elements within lists?

For example:

```
IDL> a = LIST(FINDGEN(10), BYTARR(5,3))
IDL> help, a[0]
<Expression>  FLOAT    = Array[10]
IDL> help, a[0,3] ; currently throws an error in IDL8.0
<Expression>  FLOAT    =    3.00000
IDL> a[0,3] = !pi ; currently throws an error in IDL8.0

IDL> help, a[1]
<Expression>  BYTE     = Array[5, 3]
IDL> help, a[1,4,2] ; currently throws an error in IDL8.0
<Expression>  BYTE     =    0
IDL> a[1,4,2] = 255 ; currently throws an error in IDL8.0
```

So the first index would give the list element, and the remaining indices would index into the array itself. Obviously you could only have up to 7 dimensions in your contained array, but that probably isn't a huge limitation.

Thoughts?

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