
Subject: How to append a multi dimensional array?

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Hi all,

a seemingly trivial problem and I can't get my head around it. Does anyone see the solution?

Given:

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IDL> x = [1,2,3]
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IDL> y = [4,5,6]
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IDL> bigarray = [[x], [y]]
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IDL> help,bigarray
```

```
BIGARRAY      INT      = Array[3, 2]
```

Except, I can't do it like that, because I need to create BIGARRAY step by step, i.e. there are steps that require bigarray to already exist when y is calculated. And y then needs to be dynamically added to bigarray.

How can I add a vector to an array generically? In "pseudo code", I need to be able to say bigarray[0] = x, then later bigarray[1] = y and so forth... all with dynamic (and automatic) resizing of bigarray, of course... :-)

I suspect this is really simple and I've done similar things like adding a single element to an array dynamically (array = [[array], newval]) but this doesn't work when newval is a vector!

Any hints greatly appreciated!

- Balt
