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Subject: Re: Constant Size Array in Class Init  
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Chris Williams writes:

> I am creating a class that holds multidimensional data of several  
> different arrays.What I am trying to do is create a class to hold the  
> arrays, and then define the array sizes in the init function since  
> they will be different sizes.  
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> For example, I want to do something like this  
>  
> FUNCTION myclass:init, dim1, dim2, dim3  
>  
> myarray = dblarr(dim1, dim2, dim3)  
>  
> RETURN,1  
> END  
>  
> PRO myclass\_\_define  
>  
> void = {myclass, myarray :dblarr } ;NO SIZE ON ARRAY  
>  
> RETURN  
> END  
>  
> However, I get a conflicting data structure error without first  
> defining the size of the array in the procedure myclass\_\_define. Is  
> there an empty array object that allows me to define the array size at  
> initialization and not at object creation?

You are going to have to define this field as a pointer  
to an array in IDL.

```
void = {myclass, myarray :ptr_new() } ;NO SIZE ON ARRAY
```

Then,

```
myArray = Ptr_New(dblarr(dim1,dim2,dim3))  
Help, *myArray
```

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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