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Subject: Re: How come? Weird subarray problem...  
Posted by [stefan.meingast](#) on Fri, 12 Jul 2013 20:23:18 GMT  
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Am Freitag, 12. Juli 2013 22:13:18 UTC+2 schrieb David Fanning:

> Stefan writes:

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>> I have been wondering why a specific part of my code does not work and I discovered this:

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>> a = findgen(10,10,10)

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>> help, a

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>> FLOAT = Array[10, 10, 10]

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>> help, a[\*,\* ,0]

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>> FLOAT = Array[10, 10]

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>> help, a[\* ,0,\*]

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>> FLOAT = Array[10, 1, 10]

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>> help, a[0,\* ,\*]

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>> FLOAT = Array[1, 10, 10]

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>> IDL only recognises a subarray correctly if the given index is at the last position...is this normal or maybe is there a way around this?

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> A better way to state this is that IDL only \*incorrectly\* recognizes a

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> subarray when the given index is at the last position, when it

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> inexplicably drops the final dimension. (Well, inexplicably for a lot of

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> people. Some people--you maybe--like this way of doing things.) In any

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> case, a simple REFORM may set you right, for whatever it is you are  
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> doing.  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

True, I just never checked how this worked since I always got the results I wanted so far...I guess I need to check some of my code, hehe.

The tip with the REFORM works flawlessly, thanks a lot again!! :)

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