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Subject: Re: Changing variable type

Posted by [andrewcool777](#) on Sun, 29 May 2016 02:03:59 GMT

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On Tuesday, 17 May 2016 01:49:20 UTC+9:30, Mats Löfdahl wrote:

> Den måndag 16 maj 2016 kl. 17:36:18 UTC+2 skrev alx:

>> Le lundi 16 mai 2016 12:43:54 UTC+2, Mats Löfdahl a écrit :

>>> Is there a way in IDL to change the type of an array, specifically a 16-bit integer into a 16 bit unsigned integer?

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>>> No, I do not mean `b = uint(a)`. This makes a new array and keeps the values. I want to change the variable type of the existing array (from 2 to 12), so the bit values are interpreted differently. Is this possible?

>>>

>>> /Mats

>>

>> Would not `a = uint(a,0,Size(a, /DIM))` do what you want ("the bit values are interpreted differently") ?

>> alx.

>

> Right, I was confused there. But the main thing was not having to create a new variable.

IDL> b=2

IDL> a=temporary(b)

IDL> help,a

A        INT        =        2

IDL> help,b

B        UNDEFINED = <Undefined>

Andrew

a=temporary(b)

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