
Subject: Re: Absurd Indexes

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iruiz@astro.rug.nl (Inigo Garcia) wrote:

```
> a=findgen(4,1000)
> b=fltarr(2,*)
```

You mean `b=a(2,*)` ?

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> the array I get is an [1,1000] array, and I want an [1000] array !!!
> Does someone know any way of getting rid off that "1" dimension.
> (OK, I know the "for" loop method, but, there's no other method to do
> it ?)
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Hmmm..... I wonder what this "for loop" method is.

The solution for your problem is using `reform`: `b = reform(a(2,*))`

This is often annoying, but sometimes I find it useful to have arrays like yours, eg. when dealing with 2d images. When an image has only one plane (z dimension), I can still access it as `image(x,y,z)` with `z eq 0`. I sometimes use `reform` to add even more dimensions, like `b=reform(a(2,*), 1, 1000, 1, 1)`.

But I noticed IDL behaves different. I don't have it here at home (BTW, anyone got it to work under OS/2 Warp4 yet?), but I think `b=a(*,2)` would give you an 1d array.

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