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Posted by [Waleed Al-Nuaimy](#) on Mon, 16 Aug 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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This sounds like the consummate project for the Z-Graphics Buffer, to me. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: IsoSurface

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 21:59:45 GMT

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Posted by [Karl Schultz](#) on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 22:42:08 GMT
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Karl

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Posted by [siliconcube](#) on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 15:26:54 GMT

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Previously I used MatLab to combine slices of data and construct 3D models. My advisor chose to switch to IDL because of its "powerfull" features. 81 came from the number of slices I have. I'm not really sure what you mean by range of my values?

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Posted by [siliconcube](#) on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 15:32:53 GMT
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Would you mind explaining how do i do the following "substituting random data so that the bottom half:

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I'm not sure if memory is the problem in my case because my machine has 5GB of RAM =(

thank you
Aleks

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This is the compilation log that I have when I run the program:

IDL Version 6.0, Microsoft Windows (Win32 x86 m32). (c) 2003, Research Systems, Inc.

```
IDL> .compile test
% Compiled module: $MAIN$.
IDL> .go
% Compiled module: BSORT.
% Loaded DLM: TIFF.
% Compiled module: LOADCT.
% Compiled module: FILEPATH.
% Compiled module: PATH_SEP.
% LOADCT: Loading table B-W LINEAR
% Compiled module: SCALE3.
% Compiled module: T3D.
% POLYSHADE: Expression must be an array in this context: POLYGONS.
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$          19 C:\RS\IDL60\test.pro
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