
Subject: Re: Limiting concatenation IDL 5.5

Posted by [Randall Skelton](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2002 16:31:22 GMT

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Sorry... it seems I was wrong about the number of levels of concatenation being increased. The seg. fault still exists.

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Posted by [Randall Skelton](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2002 17:06:20 GMT

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b = make_array(2,2,2,5)
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```
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Obviously the above fails, but what is the solution? Surely some combination of rebin/reform...

On Tue, 25 Jun 2002, Randall Skelton wrote:

> Date: Tue, 25 Jun 2002 16:49:26 +0100
> From: Randall Skelton <rhskelto@atm.ox.ac.uk>
> Newsgroups: comp.lang.idl-pvwave
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Posted by [thompson](#) on Thu, 27 Jun 2002 22:46:51 GMT
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How about

c = make_array(2,2,2,7)

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Of course, you'd want to put this into a routine, with calls to SIZE(), etc.

Bill Thompson

Subject: Re: Limiting concatenation IDL 5.5
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 2002 05:11:17 GMT
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"William Thompson" <thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov> wrote in message
news:afg4kr\$hl\$1@skates.gsfc.nasa.gov...

> Randall Skelton <rskelto@atm.ox.ac.uk> writes:

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[Uh, David, make sure Bill gets a seat on the board of that IDL Experts'
group.]

Nice point, Bill! Your idea takes a bit of hackery, I'll take a swipe at
some of it:

```
concatSize = Size(a)
concatSize[dim+1] = concatSize[dim+1] + (Size(b))[dim+1]
c=Make_Array(Size=concatSize)
nDims=Size(a,/N_Dimensions)
aDims=Size(a,/Dimensions)
```

; This needs to be generalized for all
; possible values of nDims from 1 to 8, (4 assumed)
; either by a CASE statement or tricky
; string handling and Execute():

```
c[0, 0, 0, 0] = a  
c[dim eq 0 ? aDims[0] : 0, $  
  dim eq 1 ? aDims[1] : 0, $  
  dim eq 2 ? aDims[2] : 0, $  
  dim eq 3 ? aDims[3] : 0]=b
```

Cheers,

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-Dick

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