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Subject: Re: Simple overflow error  
Posted by [mchinand](#) on Tue, 28 Jan 2003 23:19:19 GMT  
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In article <162586e3.0301281512.3d87e978@posting.google.com>, New2IDL <biomedthesis2002@yahoo.com> wrote:  
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Make at least one of your integers a LONG .

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a=200L*200  
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Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Tue, 28 Jan 2003 23:32:49 GMT  
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Or, in recent IDL versions, include a "compile\_opt IDL2" or "compile\_opt DEFINT32" command at the start of each program unit. If you put one in your startup file it sets the options for expressions you type in at the command line.

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Mark Hadfield            "Ka puwaha te tai nei, Hoea tatou"

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Subject: Re: Simple overflow error

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2003 17:33:16 GMT

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I get a feeling you don't really care what the data type is in this case.

Try

```
a = 200. * 200
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Cheers,

Pavel

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