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Subject: Re: Singular arrays in structures...

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 25 Jun 2004 15:49:20 GMT

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> Thanks,  
> Tom McGlynn

Dear Tom,

A workaround like this should help

```
sz=size(y.a,/dimensions)  
y.a=reform(intarr(10),sz)
```

regards

Reimar

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a IDL library at Forschungszentrum Juelich  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_lib\\_intro.html](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html)

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Posted by [tam](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2004 13:26:25 GMT  
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Reimar Bauer wrote:

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Thanks Reimar,

I think that's exactly what I need. I can probably use

the /overwrite option in the reform to make it a little faster since I can modify the array being assigned to the structure.

Regards,  
Tom

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