
Subject: array referencing problem ...

Posted by [Andreas Brunn](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 16:43:37 GMT

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dear listland

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Is there a way applying this mask on each of the channels without copying each channel in a two dimensional array ?

thanx a lot in advance

Andi

Subject: Re: array referencing problem ...

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 09 Mar 2005 00:02:40 GMT

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Too many parentheses. :-)

Here is an article that might help:

http://www.dfanning.com/code_tips/tempvar.html

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> each channel in a two dimensional array ?

I would have a look at the Dimensional Juggling Tutorial:

http://www.dfanning.com/tips/rebin_magic.html

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Subject: Re: array referencing problem ...

Posted by [marc schellens\[1\]](#) on Thu, 10 Mar 2005 07:01:50 GMT

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While this article is still covers the point, its a little bit
outdated:

IDL now correctly complains about the expression.

IDL> p = ptr_new({a:1, b:2, s:{x:0,y:0, a:[256,256,48]} })

IDL> ((*p).s.a)[2] = ((*p).s.a)[2] * 4

% Expression must be named variable in this context: <INT
Array[3]>.
% Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

But there is still another bug in IDL:

```
function ret,a  
return,a  
end
```

```
IDL> a=1  
IDL> ++(ret(a[0]))  
IDL> print,a  
1
```

But this only happens if used as a statement:

```
IDL> print,++(ret(a[0]))  
% Expression must be named variable in this context: <INT    (  
1)>.  
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

Ah, and did I mention that GDL
(<http://gnudatalanguage.sourceforge.net/>)
behaves correctly in all cases :-)

Cheers,
marc
