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Subject: Re: adding "placeholders" to an array  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 21:53:38 GMT  
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pimpk24@hotmail.com wrote:

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>  
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> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
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>  
> thanks in advance  
>

Brute force methods:

```
IDL> x=[1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 354, 42345]
IDL> n=n_elements(x)
IDL> print, [[x],[make_array(n,2,value=0)]]
      1      4      6      7      8      354      42345
      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
```

Or, you could use LONARR instead:

```
IDL> print, [[x],[lonarr(n,2)]]
      1      4      6      7      8      354      42345
      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
```

but the use of MAKE\_ARRAY means you can change the "placeholder" value to something other than zero if you wanted.

paulv

p.s. I'm sure there's a more elegant method than those above. :o)

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Subject: Re: adding "placeholders" to an array  
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You can't change the size of the array without recreating and copying:

```
IDL> v = [1L, 4L, 6L, 7L, 8L, 354L, 42345L]
IDL> newv = lonarr(7, 3)
IDL> newv[0, 0] = reform(v, 7, 1)
IDL> print, newv
      1      4      6      7      8      354
42345
      0      0      0      0      0      0
      0
      0      0      0      0      0      0
      0
```

Mike

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Subject: Re: adding "placeholders" to an array  
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The answer to this problem can be found in the Array Concatenation and Dimensional Juggling Tutorials:

[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/array\\_concatenation.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/array_concatenation.html)  
[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/rebin\\_magic.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/rebin_magic.html)

For example:

```
IDL> a = [ 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 354, 42345L]
IDL> b = LonArr(7,2)
IDL> c = [[a],[b]]
IDL> Print, c
      1      4      6      7      8      354      42345
      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
```

Cheers,

David

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