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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Fri, 01 May 2009 17:47:10 GMT

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Incidentally, if you're dealing with huge arrays and run into memory problems with the histogram, you can replace:

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with

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which will make the histogram as compact as possible.

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Sun, 03 May 2009 00:57:38 GMT

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Hello Jeremy,

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Thanks to the OP as well!!

Regards,

Vino

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