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Subject: Re: What in the world does "Program code area full" mean?

Posted by [steve.kaeppler](#) on Wed, 12 Aug 2009 21:08:21 GMT

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On Aug 12, 4:03 pm, "steve.kaeppler" <steve.kaeppler...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi Everyone-

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> into some trouble with IDL. I am running version 6.4, which may be  
> useful. I am getting an error in my code that says "Program code area  
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> this means and if there is some way to basically by-pass this error?

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> If someone could help me, I would be very grateful!

>

> Kindest Regards,

> Steve Kaeppler

Actually, I will attach the code.

The problem happens when I uncomment ;c\_av = reform(c\_dot\_calc,[1,47])  
&\$ or print, c\_dot\_calc As soon as I do that, I get this "Program  
code Area is full" I do not, for the life of me, understand why it is  
doing that? Is something undefined? Is too much memory being taken  
up?

Also any streamlining suggestions are always appreciated!

Thanks all!

Steve

the code:

```
;;; process for real mag pa
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```
base_dir = '/data0/rocket/aces_21139/outfiles/' ;#####
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```
user define
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srk_dir = '/home/srk/aces_data/'
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; this file is meant to be a fast way to get the correct files needed  
to create the chi squared
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.com '/home/srk/aces_data/eeepaa/eeepaa_read_cdf_flight.pro'
.com '/home/srk/aces_data/eeepaa/plot_image_colorbar.pro'

outname = '21139_EEPAA_Electron' ;##### user define
cdf_file = srk_dir+'eeepaa/'+outname+'.cdf'

data = eeepaa_read_cdf_flight(cdf_file)

;help, data, /st
device, decompose=0

file1 = srk_dir+'/eeepaa/spectrogram/outfiles/ref_10_20.dat' ; usr
defined
openw, lun1, file1, /get_lun

file3 = srk_dir+'/eeepaa/spectrogram/outfiles/
ACES_Low_data_plot_stats.dat' ; usr defined
openw, lun2, file3, /get_lun

file2 = srk_dir+'/eeepaa/spectrogram/chi_sq_results_july2009.csv'
corr_fact = read_ascii(file2,delimiter=',',data_start=2); chi squared
correction factor
help, corr_fact, /st

neg_hun = fltarr([1,47])
neg_hun[0:46] = -100.
acq_time = data.acq_time * 1.e-3 ; convert to seconds
dt_ex = data.dead_time*1.e-9

A = reform(fltarr(50), [1,50])

zero_47 = reform(fltarr(47))
zero_47[0:46] = 0
c_dot_calc = fltarr(47)
i = 0 ; selects channel of interest
j = long(0)
num_rec = data.total_num

c_dot_1 = fltarr(47)
c_dot_2 = fltarr(47)
c_dot_3 = fltarr(47)

chi_1 = fltarr(47)

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chi_2 = fltarr(47)
chi_3 = fltarr(47)
tmp_av = fltarr(47)

; nom pa
;while(t lt 24) do begin &$

pa_high =45. &$
pa_low =35. &$
print, '1' &$
while(j lt num_rec) do begin &$ ; over all records

;if(max(data.time[*,* ,j]) gt 250.) then begin &$

;print, where( (data.measured_pa[*,* ,j] ge pa_low) and
(data.measured_pa[*,* ,j] le pa_high) ) &$
q = where( (data.measured_pa[*,* ,j] ge pa_low) and (data.measured_pa
[*,* ,j] le pa_high) ) &$

if(q[0] eq -1) then begin &$
;print, [-1, j] &$
; this will give us the locations where we have no data values - no
hit mag hits
time_ = max(data.time[*,* ,j]) &$
A = [A,reform([j,time_, 'NaN', reform(neg_hun, [47])), [1,50]] ) &$

endif else begin &$
; this is where I will need to average and all that
;print, [q, j] &$

n = n_elements(q) &$

if( n eq 1) then begin &$
;print, '1' &$
while( k lt 47 ) do begin &$
if(data.dac_sweep[0,k,j] ne 0) then begin &$

c_dot_1[k] = (corr_fact.field01[q[0]]*data.eepaa1[q[0],k,j])/(acq_time
- (corr_fact.field01[q[0]]*data.eepaa1[q[0],k,j]*dt_ex[i] ) ) &$
;c_dot_calc = reform(c_dot_calc,[47]) &$
endif else begin &$
c_dot_1[k] = -100. &$
endelse &$
k++ &$
endwhile &$

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c_dot_calc = c_dot_1 &$
mean_pa = data.measured_pa[q[0],*,j] &$
endif &$
k =0 &$

if( n eq 2) then begin &$
;print, '2' &$
while( k lt 47 ) do begin &$
if(data.dac_sweep[0,k,j] ne 0) then begin &$

c_dot_1[k] = (corr_fact.field01[q[0]]*data.eepaa1[q[0],k,j])/(acq_time
- (corr_fact.field01[q[0]]*data.eepaa1[q[0],k,j]*dt_ex[q[0]] ) ) &$
c_dot_2[k] = (corr_fact.field01[q[1]]*data.eepaa1[q[1],k,j])/(acq_time
- (corr_fact.field01[q[1]]*data.eepaa1[q[1],k,j]*dt_ex[q[1]] ) ) &$
;c_dot_calc = reform(c_dot_calc,[47]) &$
endif else begin &$
c_dot_1[k] = -100. &$
c_dot_2[k] = -100. &$
endelse &$
k++ &$
endwhile &$
k =0 &$
while(k lt 47) do begin &$
;c_dot_calc[k] = 0. &$
c_dot_calc[k] = mean([c_dot_1[k],c_dot_2[k]]) &$
mean_pa = mean([data.measured_pa[q[0],*,j],data.measured_pa[q
[1],*,j] ]) &$

if(c_dot_1[k] ne 0.) then begin &$
chi_1[k] = ( (c_dot_1[k] - c_dot_calc[k])*(c_dot_1[k] - c_dot_calc
[k]) )/c_dot_1[k]&$
endif &$

if(c_dot_2[k] ne 0.) then begin&$
chi_2[k] = ( (c_dot_2[k] - c_dot_calc[k])*(c_dot_2[k] - c_dot_calc
[k]) )/c_dot_2[k] &$
endif &$

k++ &$
endwhile &$
endif &$
k =0 &$

if( n eq 3) then begin &$

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;print, '3' &$
while( k lt 47 ) do begin &$
if(data.dac_sweep[0,k,j] ne 0) then begin &$

c_dot_1[k] = (corr_fact.field01[q[0]]*data.eepaa1[q[0],k,j])/(acq_time
- (corr_fact.field01[q[0]]*data.eepaa1[q[0],k,j]*dt_ex[q[0]] ) ) &$
c_dot_2[k] = (corr_fact.field01[q[1]]*data.eepaa1[q[1],k,j])/(acq_time
- (corr_fact.field01[q[1]]*data.eepaa1[q[1],k,j]*dt_ex[q[1]] ) ) &$
c_dot_3[k] = (corr_fact.field01[q[2]]*data.eepaa1[q[2],k,j])/(acq_time
- (corr_fact.field01[q[2]]*data.eepaa1[q[2],k,j]*dt_ex[q[2]] ) ) &$
;c_dot_calc = reform(c_dot_calc,[47]) &$
endif else begin &$
c_dot_1[k] = -100. &$
c_dot_2[k] = -100. &$
c_dot_3[k] = -100. &$
endelse &$
k++ &$
endwhile &$
k=0 &$
while(k lt 47) do begin &$

c_dot_calc[k] = (c_dot_1[k]+c_dot_2[k]+ c_dot_3[k])/3. &$
mean_pa = mean([data.measured_pa[q[0],*,j],data.measured_pa[q
[1],*,j],data.measured_pa[q[2],*,j] ]) &$

if(c_dot_1[k] ne 0.) then begin &$
chi_1[k] = ( (c_dot_1[k] - c_dot_calc[k])*(c_dot_1[k] - c_dot_calc
[k]) )/c_dot_1[k]&$
endif &$

if(c_dot_2[k] ne 0.) then begin&$
chi_2[k] = ( (c_dot_2[k] - c_dot_calc[k])*(c_dot_2[k] - c_dot_calc
[k]) )/c_dot_2[k] &$
endif &$

if(c_dot_3[k] ne 0.) then begin&$
chi_2[k] = ( (c_dot_3[k] - c_dot_calc[k])*(c_dot_3[k] - c_dot_calc
[k]) )/c_dot_3[k] &$
endif &$

k++ &$
endwhile &$
endif &$
k =0 &$

time_ = max(data.time[*,*,j]) &$

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```
A = [A,reform([j,time_, mean_pa, c_dot_calc], [1,50]) ] &$
```

```
print, c_dot_calc &$  
;n =0 &$  
;help, c_av, /st &$  
;help, c_dot_calc &$  
c1 = reform(c_dot_1, [1,47]) &$  
c2 = reform(c_dot_2, [1,47]) &$  
c3 = reform(c_dot_3, [1,47]) &$  
;c_av = reform(c_dot_calc,[1,47]) &$
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endelse &$ ; close out mag pitch angle
```

```
printf, lun2, 'Record: ', j &$  
printf, lun2, 'Time: ', time_ &$  
printf, lun2, 'Number Channels overlap: ', n &$  
printf, lun2, 'Channels Overlap: ', q &$  
printf, lun2, 'C1, C2, C3, Cave, Chi_1, Chi_2, Chi_3' &$  
printf, lun2, [c1, c2, c3]&$  
printf, lun2,  
'-----' &$
```

```
; diagnostic print statments  
;printf, lun1, j,time_, mean_pa, [c_dot_calc] &$;  
[data.measured_energy[0,*,j], data.dac_sweep[0,*,j] ] &$;  
[data.measured_pa[i,*,j],  
;printf, lun1, '-----' &  
$
```

```
q = 0 &$  
n =0 &$  
c_dot_calc = zero_47 &$  
c_dot_1 = zero_47 &$  
c_dot_2 = zero_47 &$  
c_dot_3 = zero_47 &$  
chi_1 = zero_47 &$  
chi_2 = zero_47 &$  
chi_3 = zero_47 &$  
mean_pa = 0 &$  
j++ &$  
endwhile &$
```

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print, 'end 1' &$
```

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A = A[1:*,*]

plot_time = A[*,1] &$
plot_energy = (data.cal_energy/1000.) &$
plot_cdot = A[*,3:49] &$

loadct, 39
set_plot,'ps'
device,/color,bits=8, filename = '/home/srk/aces_data/eeepaa/
spectrogram/outfiles/aces_low_spectrogram_pa_test.ps'

title = 'ACES LOW(21.139) Spectrogram'+ ' ' + strcompress(string
(pa_low)) + ' < '+ 'PA'+ ' < ' + strcompress(string(pa_high)) &$

plot_image_colorbar, plot_cdot, plot_time,
plot_energy,title=title,xrange=[100,400], xtitle='Time', ytitle='Energy
(keV)',/ylog, position=pos_img, grey_value = -100.0 &$

;print, t &$
;t++ &$

device, /close
set_plot, 'X'

free_lun, lun1
free_lun, lun2

```

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Subject: Re: What in the world does "Program code area full" mean?  
 Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 12 Aug 2009 21:11:33 GMT  
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You might try this IDL newsgroup discussion:

<http://tinyurl.com/lkwj9o>

P.S. I am guessing the problem is a STOP in the code somewhere.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: What in the world does "Program code area full" mean?

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```

This would be called a main-level program. What you are trying to run (I think) is a batch program. And it is too big to be interpreted in one go. It will need to be compiled.

But, there are MUCH better ways to write IDL code than what you have here. :-)

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It will \*definitely\* help!

You probably had the right idea on a script. Just the wrong kind of script there. The kind you were writing is 1970's era. We are trying to get you up to 1985 today. And, with luck, we will have you into the 21st century within the week!

Cheers,

David

P.S. There are always discounts on IDL books for the asking when you are a student. :-)

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Subject: Re: What in the world does "Program code area full" mean?  
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 12 Aug 2009 22:11:36 GMT  
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Early one in one's IDL programming life, one learns not to write a single long line of code like this. But I only recently appreciated how using EXECUTE() is similar to writing a single line of code -- you better be careful if it gets too long! The problem came up in code I have that uses EXECUTE() to dynamically create a structure. The little code program below will probably fail with a "Code Area Full" at some point -- depending on your machine -- when the execute string becomes too long.

```
pro test
FOR i=100, 600 DO BEGIN
  ;;Get unique names for elements, make sure they are 8 long
  exstring = 'a={' + $
    STRJOIN( STRING(INDGEN(i),FORMAT='("TAG",I05,"0.0d0")'),',') +
  '}'
  res = EXECUTE(exstring)
  IF res EQ 0 THEN MESSAGE,"Execute failed on "+STRING(i)
ENDFOR
return
end
```

The problem is not that the structure itself is too large - it can easily be created if one puts the structure definition in a procedure file and compiles it. (This is one of the ways to get around the problem. The other way is to break up the structure definition into chunks and then combine the substructures with CREATE\_STRUCT() -- this is the method used by mrd\_struct.pro = [http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/structure/mrd\\_struct.p ro](http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/structure/mrd_struct.p ro) )

One thing that confused me was that, in ancient days, EXECUTE() had strict limits on the number of characters. Then sometime in IDL 5.x these limits were removed, giving the impression that one could use arbitrarily long strings within EXECUTE(). But in fact it is subject to the same code memory limits as when writing a program as a single line of code. --Wayne

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Subject: Re: What in the world does "Program code area full" mean?  
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Craig

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Well, yeah, but you work for a government agency... ;-)

Cheers,

David

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