
Subject: Declaring large vectors in IDL

Posted by [fgg](#) on Sat, 17 Apr 2010 01:17:30 GMT

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Hi there,

I have this vector written in a batch file (*.pro):

```
a = [28, 29, 28, 28, 29, 29, 29, 27, 28, 28, 28, 28, 31, 31, 29, 27,  
28, 29, 29, 29, 30, 29, 28, 28, 30, 31, 29, 28, 31, 30, 30, 30, 32,  
32, 31, 31, 31, 32, 32, 32, 31, 31, 34, 34, 35, 43, 56, 67, 82, 101,  
115, 120, 123, 122, 110, 91, 73, 57, 45, 38, 34, 32, 32, 30, 30, 30,  
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121, 115, 103, 87, 75, 63, 53, 43, 36, 34, 32, 29, 29, 29, 29, 29, 30,  
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27, 27, 28, 30, 30, 28, 31, 32, 31, 28, 31, 31, 32, 32, 31, 31, 28,  
28, 33, 33, 31, 29, 31, 35, 45, 61, 78, 93, 102, 112, 128, 143, 150,  
144, 123, 98, 76, 55, 44, 38, 36, 32, 32, 31, 31, 28, 29, 32, 32, 29,  
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29, 31, 31, 31, 28, 28, 28, 28, 29, 29, 29, 30, 29, 29, 29, 29, 28,  
29, 29, 30, 28]
```

... and I'd like to add it to the variables view. When I type '@path/
batchfilename.pro' at the IDL prompt, I get the following message: "%
Program code area full". Any suggestions?

Thanks,
Fabio

Subject: Re: Declaring large vectors in IDL
Posted by [wallabadah](#) on Mon, 19 Apr 2010 22:33:19 GMT
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Oops, didn't have the pseudocode syntax checker on, that should have been:

```
function set_a
  return, [1, 2, 3, $
  ...
  ...
]
end
```

Subject: Re: Declaring large vectors in IDL
Posted by [penteado](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 2010 00:11:29 GMT
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On Apr 19, 8:57 pm, fgg <fabioгуimaraesgoncal...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> And here's the adapted script in case it helps:
>
> filters = ['*.txt', '*.dat', '*.out']
> infile = dialog_pickfile(/read, filter=filters)
> n = file_lines(infile)
> raw_data = strarr(n)
> openr, unit, infile, /get_lun
> readf, unit, raw_data
> close, unit & free_lun, unit
> datas = where(stregex(raw_data,'=','/
> boolean),ndata,complement=extra_lines)
> data = raw_data[datas]
> if (ndata lt n_elements(raw_data)) then begin
>   extra_assoc = value_locate(datas,extra_lines)
>   for i=0L,n_elements(extra_lines)-1 do $
>     data[extra_assoc[i]] = strjoin([temporary(data[extra_assoc[i]]),$
>     raw_data[extra_lines[i]]],/single)
> endif
> outfile = dialog_pickfile(/write, default_extension='pro',
> filter='*.pro')
> openw, outunit, outfile, /get_lun
> for i=0,ndata-1 do begin
>   line = strsplit(data[i],/extract)
>   if (line[0] eq 'i_shot_ctr') then shot = line[2:*]
>   if (line[0] eq 'i_rng_wf' and n_elements(line) eq 4002) then $
>     for j=0,n_elements(shot)-1 do printf, outunit,
> line[0]+'_'+shot[j]+' = [' +strjoin(line[j*200+2:j*200+201],', ')+' ]'
> ; This will not work. Max n_elements should be 251.
```

```

> if (line[0] eq 'i_rng_wf' and n_elements(line) eq 10882) then $
>   for j=0,n_elements(shot)-1 do printf, outunit,
>   line[0]+'_'+shot[j]+' = ['+strjoin(line[j*544+2:j*544+545],', ')+' ]'
>   if (line[0] ne 'i_rng_wf') then printf, outunit,
>   strjoin(line[0:1], ' ')+' ['+ strjoin(line[2:],', ')+' ]'
> endfor
> print, 'End of processing.'
> print, 'Type the following at the IDL prompt to display the
> variables:'
> print, "@"+outfile+"
> close, outunit & free_lun, outunit
> end

```

This seems to be missing the procedure declaration, since it has an end (batch files, which you would run with @, do not have the end statement). When you run a procedure (or function, for that matter), all the variables defined inside them are in scope only until the end of that procedure. You do not see them in the variable view because they do not exist anymore once that procedure is done.

If you want some variables to be available after it finishes, add them as arguments to the procedure declaration, and use those arguments when calling it, to pass the variables back to the calling scope.

For instance, if your procedure is called read_some_variables, and you want to have the variables data and heads at the end, the procedure should be:

```

pro read_some_variables,data,heads
(...)
end

```

Then you call it as

```
read_some_variables,data,heads
```

Subject: Re: Declaring large vectors in IDL
 Posted by [Gray](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 2010 01:32:28 GMT
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On Apr 19, 8:11 pm, pp <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> readf, unit, raw_data
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>> endif
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>> filter='*.pro')
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>>   line = strsplit(data[i], /extract)
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>>   if (line[0] ne 'i_rng_wf') then printf, outunit,
>> strjoin(line[0:1], ' ')+ ' ['+ strjoin(line[2:*], ' ')+']'
>> endfor
>> print, 'End of processing.'
>> print, 'Type the following at the IDL prompt to display the
>> variables:'
>> print, "@'+outfile+'""
>> close, outunit & free_lun, outunit
>> end
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If you want to preserve the variable names in your file, then once you have an array of variable names from your gettok call, you use EXECUTE:

```
for i=0,n_data-1 do dummy = execute(variable_names[i]+'=
double(strsplit(data[i],",",/extract'))
```

where you can replace "double" with whatever type conversion function you like.

Subject: Re: Declaring large vectors in IDL
Posted by [fgg](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 2010 21:46:33 GMT
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>
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>
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> you like.

Hey Gray,

I included 'execute' in the code but it didn't help. When I run the procedure the variables are not added to the variables view. For instance, if you run this procedure:

pro test

```
heads=['a', 'b', 'c']
data = ['1 2 3', '4 5 6', '7 8 9']
for i=0,2 do dummy = execute(heads[i]+'=double(strsplit(data[i],",",/
extract)))
end
```

"a", "b", and "c" will not be added to the variables view (with values '1 2 3', '4 5 6', and '7 8 9', respectively). Is that what you suggested? I replaced the 4th line with:

```
for i=0,2 do dummy = execute(heads[i]+'= ['+strjoin(strsplit(data[i],/
extract),', ')+''])
```

...and it didn't work either.

pp, you are right. The procedure declaration is missing here but it is actually included in the original *.pro file. Your suggestion worked. If I compile this procedure:

```
pro test, a, b, c
heads=['a', 'b', 'c']
data = ['1 2 3', '4 5 6', '7 8 9']
for i=0,2 do dummy = execute(heads[i]+'= ['+strjoin(strsplit(data[i],/
extract),', ')+''])
end
```

... and then enter "test, a, b, c" at the IDL prompt, "a", "b", and "c" are added to the variables view with the respective values. The only problem is that I'm actually dealing with many different variables. Is it possible to call "test", getting the variables name from "heads" (the variable containing the names) instead of typing each name? (i.e. a, b, c...). If so, I guess the first line of the procedure would need to be changed as well, right?

Thanks you all for the help!

Subject: Re: Declaring large vectors in IDL

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 2010 22:06:05 GMT

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fgg writes:

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```

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> extract)))
> end
>
> "a", "b", and "c" will not be added to the variables view (with values
> '1 2 3', '4 5 6', and '7 8 9', respectively). Is that what you
> suggested? I replaced the 4th line with:
>
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> extract),', ')+''])
>
> ...and it didn't work either.

```

I haven't been following much of this discussion, but if you want these variables defined back at the main IDL level, you might try using SaveToMain after you create them:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/savetomain.pro>

Of course, they can be saved to other IDL levels if you want. See the innards of SaveTomMain for insight in how to do this.

Cheers,

David

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

Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: Declaring large vectors in IDL
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> you might try using SaveToMain after you create them:
>
> http://www.dfanning.com/programs/savetomain.pro

```

>

Great! I guess Scope_VarFetch is the function I was looking for. This solves my problem:

```
pro test
heads=['a', 'b', 'c']
data = ['1 2 3', '4 5 6', '7 8 9']
for i=0,2 do (Scope_VarFetch(heads[i], LEVEL=1, /ENTER)) =
strsplit(data[i],/extract)
end
```

Thanks, David.

Subject: Re: Declaring large vectors in IDL
Posted by [fgg](#) on Wed, 21 Apr 2010 19:15:00 GMT
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> Great! I guess Scope_VarFetch is the function I was looking for. This
> solves my problem:
>
> pro test
> heads=['a', 'b', 'c']
> data = ['1 2 3', '4 5 6', '7 8 9']
> for i=0,2 do (Scope_VarFetch(heads[i], LEVEL=1, /ENTER)) =
> strsplit(data[i],/extract)
> end
>
> Thanks, David.

Ok, now I have "a", "b", and "c" saved to the main IDL level. Assuming that they don't have the same number of elements, what is the easiest way to write them out to a *.csv file? Here are other questions related to this script I'm working on. Any help would be appreciated!

1) How can I summarize these two lines in just one line of code?

```
if (line[0] eq 'i_rng_wf' and n_elements(line) ne 4002) then message,  
'The # of samples per shot is not valid.'  
if (line[0] eq 'i_rng_wf' and n_elements(line) ne 10882) then message,  
'The # of samples per shot is not valid.'
```

...I thought using OR would do the trick, but I guess I'm missing something here:


```
if (line[0] eq 'i_rng_wf' and n_elements(line) ne (4002 or 10882))  
then message, ...
```

2) When reading a text file like this at once:

```
=xxx  
id = 1  
a = 3 3 0  
b = 1 0 5  
c = 7 9 1  
=xxx  
id = 2  
a = 2 9 1  
b = 7 5 4  
c = 9 3 7
```

...using file_lines and a string array:

```
infile = '/path/filename'  
n = file_lines(infile)  
data = strarr(n)  
openr, inunit, infile, /get_lun  
readf, inunit, data
```

How could I use the "=xxx" lines to break the data into multiple arrays? Or maybe just ignore the "=xxx" lines and relate, somehow, each variable (a, b, and c in the example) to a given "id"?
