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Subject: Re: Selecting data from two separate arrays  
Posted by [Mariolncandenza](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 20:33:01 GMT  
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; load the data into the array
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Posted by [Mariolncandenza](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 23:35:58 GMT  
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Thanks that was my error all is working brilliantly! much appreciated!

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In IDL is last section of the last line is it indexing or multiplying?

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