
Subject: More efficient method of appending to arrays when using pointers?

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I have some code I've written that looks clunky and I was wondering if there is a more efficient (faster and or using less memory) way to do this.

I am using a custom object with a member self.foo which will end up being a matrix, built up by appending arrays one at a time as I loop over each step of a process. This update code currently looks like this:

```
temp = [ *(self.foo),next_array]
ptr_free,self.foo
self.free = ptr_new(temp)
```

This seems to be a bit wasteful in terms of how many times memory is allocated and deallocated to get the job done. Something simple like

```
self.free = ptr_new([*(self.foo),next_array]
```

causes a memory leak due to the dangling pointer. I don't see how the TEMPORARY function can be used here without causing a leak.

Any tips from the pros?
