
Subject: Array subscript for VECTOR must have same size as source expression
Posted by [Rohit Deshpande](#) on Fri, 24 Jun 2011 15:27:33 GMT
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2. The Code:

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im = fltarr(n)
all_barytimes = dblarr(19,4000)
all_normflux = dblarr(19,4000)

FOR i = 0, n-1 DO BEGIN
    ; where filenames are the list of fits files I am reading
    it.
    im = mrdfits(file+'raw_test/'+string(filenames[i]),1,head)
    all_barytimes[i,*] = im.BARYTIME
    all_normflux[i,*] = im.AP_CORR_FLUX
ENDFOR
```

3. The Error:

```
IDL> lcs1
% READCOL: 21 valid lines read
MRDFITS: Binary table. 19 columns by 1639 rows.
% Array subscript for ALL_BARYTIMES must have same size as source
expression.
% Execution halted at: LCS1
```

Please let me know how to make it work.

Thanks!

Subject: Re: Array subscript for VECTOR must have same size as source expression
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Fri, 24 Jun 2011 19:27:44 GMT
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Well,

this is a typical errors that you will encounter many times in your idl career.

The line

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tries to assign a variable im.BARYTIME into an array all_barytimes, specifically into a particular column of the array.

The error specifies that im.BARYTIME does not fit into all_barytimes[i,*] (likely because it has a different number of elements and/or dimensions).

Here's an example showing the problem

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IDL> b=fltarr(5)
IDL> a[1,*]=b
% Array subscript for A must have same size as source expression.
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
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see? can't fit the 5 elements of b into a column of a.

Ciao,
Paolo

On Jun 24, 11:27 am, Rohit Deshpande <singlebin...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Array subscript for VECTOR must have same size as source expression

Posted by [Rohit Deshpande](#) on Sun, 26 Jun 2011 14:22:47 GMT

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Thank you so much. I have now created a double array outside the FOR loop in the following way. This help and I have no errors:

```
all_barytimes = dblarr(n,4450)
all_normflux = dblarr(n,4450)

FOR i = 0, n-1 DO BEGIN
  im = mrdfits(file+'raw_test/'+string(filenamees[i]+'fits'),1,head )
  arrayend=n_elements(im.BARYTIME)-1
  all_barytimes[i,0:arrayend] = im.BARYTIME
  all_normflux[i,0:arrayend] = im.AP_CORR_FLUX
```
