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Posted by [Daniel Otis](#) on Tue, 17 Dec 2013 19:20:38 GMT

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Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Tue, 17 Dec 2013 19:42:49 GMT

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On Tuesday, December 17, 2013 8:20:38 PM UTC+1, do...@mail.usf.edu wrote:

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For i=0,3 do begin
    ;your work
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endfor
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If you know the sizes before hand, one other solution would be to make one array long as the 4 together and then subscript the array.

Cheers,
Helder

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Posted by [Daniel Otis](#) on Tue, 17 Dec 2013 20:12:13 GMT
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On Tuesday, December 17, 2013 2:42:49 PM UTC-5, Helder wrote:

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Thanks. Works great. Never used ptrarr.

Subject: Re: Issue with long integer arrays

Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Wed, 18 Dec 2013 16:17:45 GMT

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On Tuesday, December 17, 2013 12:12:13 PM UTC-8, do...@mail.usf.edu wrote:

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Helder's pointer method is useful, and another method, as of IDL 8.0, is to use a list:

```
IDL> a=List(intarr(10), intarr(20), intarr(30)) ; Create in one statement
```

```

IDL> help,a[0]
<Expression>  INT      = Array[10]
IDL> help,a[1]
<Expression>  INT      = Array[20]
IDL> help,a[2]
<Expression>  INT      = Array[30]

```

```
IDL> a.Add, intarr(40) ; Add to list afterward
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IDL> help,a[3]
<Expression>  INT      = Array[40]

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You can start with an empty list (no elements) and add to it:

```
IDL> b = List()
```

Hope this helps!

Cheers,
-Dick

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