
Subject: Is the sky falling?

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 13:20:39 GMT

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Shouldn't it be an integer array?

On the other hand:

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<Expression>  INT     = Array[3, 3]
```

results in an integer array...

Where is the trick?

Regards,
Helder

Subject: Re: Is the sky falling?

Posted by [Moritz Fischer](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 13:30:26 GMT

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With IDL 8.2.3 on Solaris and 8.1 on Windows I get INTs in either case.
Have you tried INTARR(3,3) + 1S ?

Am 15.01.2014 14:20, schrieb Helder:

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Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 13:34:54 GMT
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Check to see if "1" is a long integer by typing.

IDL> help, 1

If it is, maybe there is a "compile_opt" somewhere.

Subject: Re: Is the sky falling?
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 13:41:14 GMT
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I certainly get integers. Are you sure you don't have the INT32 compiler option on?

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: Is the sky falling?

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 13:44:34 GMT

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On Wednesday, January 15, 2014 2:34:54 PM UTC+1, Matthew Argall wrote:

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Hi,

thanks for the answers.

Here is my situation:

IDL> !VERSION

{

ARCH: "x86_64",

OS: "Win32",

OS_FAMILY: "Windows",

OS_NAME: "Microsoft Windows",

RELEASE: "8.3",

BUILD_DATE: "Nov 15 2013",

MEMORY_BITS: 64,

FILE_OFFSET_BITS: 64

}

IDL> HELP, 1

<Expression> INT = 1

IDL> HELP, INTARR(3,3) + 1S

<Expression> INT = Array[3, 3]

Ok,

it seems like Compile_opt is making this. I just noticed that I got this result while debugging through some code where the "Compile_Opt idl2" option was used.

This clears things out. From the IDL help:

"DEFINT32 — IDL should assume that lexical integer constants default to the 32-bit type rather than the usual default of 16-bit integers..."

My error. I forgot that

1) I was debugging

2) Compile_opt idl2 was on

3) That idl2 makes 32-bit default integers

Thanks for pointing this out.

Cheers,
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