
Subject: IDL_Object example // help with
Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Sat, 01 Mar 2014 21:29:29 GMT
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Hi, all,

In an effort to learn more about the IDL_Object class, I created an array object that I want to behave exactly like a normal array by using the _Overload* methods. Everything is working out fine, except for the _OverloadBracketsLeftSide. I have no idea how to do it.

Here is the class

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/42944960/mrarray__define.pro

With a normal array, I can do something like this

```
IDL> array = fltarr(2,4,4)
IDL> array[0, 1:2, [0,2,3]] = randomu(1, 1, 2, 3)
```

or even

```
IDL> array = fltarr(2,4,4)
IDL> array[0, 1:2, [0,2,3]] = randomu(1, 6)
```

Does anyone know how to do this with the _OverloadBracketsLeftSide method? I thought I saw a clever recursive approach by Mike Galloy in one of his classes, but I cannot seem to find it again.

Examples using MrArray__Define (suggestions welcome)::

```
myArray = obj_new('MrArray', findgen(3,10))
help, myArray
print, myArray
print, myArray - 6
help, myArray[1:2, 4:7]    ;_OverloadBracketsRightSide was easy (but perhaps ugly)
print, myArray * myArray
array -> SetType, 'BYTE'
print, myArray AND 5
print, ~myArray
myArray.array = randomu(5, 5, 5)
```

Subject: Re: IDL_Object example // help with
Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Sun, 02 Mar 2014 20:11:53 GMT
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<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/42944960/mrreformindices.pro>
https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/42944960/mrarray__define.pro

```
IDL> a = obj_new('mrarray', findgen(2,4,4,2))
IDL> print, reform(a[0, [0,2], 1:3, 1])
  40.0000   44.0000
  48.0000   52.0000
  56.0000   60.0000
IDL> a[0, [0,2], 1:3, 1] = findgen(6)
IDL> print, reform(a[0, [0,2], 1:3, 1])
  0.00000   3.00000
  1.00000   4.00000
  2.00000   5.00000
```

Subject: Re: IDL_Object example // help with
Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Mon, 03 Mar 2014 15:28:14 GMT
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On Sunday, March 2, 2014 1:11:53 PM UTC-7, Matthew Argall wrote:

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Hi Matthew,

Yes, that is indeed the best way to do that. Once you've converted your input subscripts into a 1D array, then you can just do the indexing.

If it helps, I'll append the code for IDL's Collection class to this post. It's actually a "helper" method that gets called from the List::_overloadBracketsLeftSide method.

Cheers,
Chris

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;-----
; Internal method to change the contents of pointer p
;
; p - pointer to an array
; varname - name of the original list or hash variable
; value - the new value for part of the array
; isRange, i0...i7 - array indexing variables
;
pro Collection::_overloadBracketsLeftSideArray, p, varname, value, $
  isRange, i0, i1, i2, i3, i4, i5, i6, i7

  compile_opt idl2, hidden

  ; Subtract one since we know we are indexing into the list.
  nr = N_ELEMENTS(isRange) - 1

  dim = SIZE(*p, /DIMENSIONS)

  ; If our element is a List or Hash, call the bracket code on it directly.
  ; Otherwise we would need to handle all of the different dimensions
  ; using a massive nested "if" down below, since our naive method
  ; of using an index array won't work for Lists or Hash.
  if (ISA(*p, 'IDL_Object')) then begin
    case (nr) of

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1: (*p)._overloadBracketsLeftSide, *p, value, isRange[1:*], i1
2: (*p)._overloadBracketsLeftSide, *p, value, isRange[1:*], i1, i2
3: (*p)._overloadBracketsLeftSide, *p, value, isRange[1:*], i1, i2, i3
4: (*p)._overloadBracketsLeftSide, *p, value, isRange[1:*], i1, i2, i3, i4
5: (*p)._overloadBracketsLeftSide, *p, value, isRange[1:*], i1, i2, i3, i4, i5
6: (*p)._overloadBracketsLeftSide, *p, value, isRange[1:*], i1, i2, i3, i4, i5, i6
7: (*p)._overloadBracketsLeftSide, *p, value, isRange[1:*], i1, i2, i3, i4, i5, i6, i7
endcase
return
endif

```

```

catch, iErr
if (iErr ne 0) then begin
  catch, /CANCEL
  msg = !error_state.msg
  if (STRPOS(msg, 'subscript') ge 0) then begin
    msg = 'Attempt to subscript ' + OBJ_CLASS(self) + $
      ' element within ' + $
      varname + ' is out of range.'
  endif
  MESSAGE, msg, /NONAME
endif
endif

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; Highly optimized code for three dimensions or lower.
; Handle all combinations of subscript ranges or indices.
if (nr le 3) then begin
  if ISA(i3) then begin

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    if (isRange[3]) then begin
      if (isRange[2]) then begin
        if (isRange[1]) then begin
          (*p)[i1[0]:i1[1]:i1[2],i2[0]:i2[1]:i2[2],i3[0]:i3[1]:i3[2]] = value
        endif else begin
          (*p)[i1,i2[0]:i2[1]:i2[2],i3[0]:i3[1]:i3[2]] = value
        endelse
      endif else begin
        if (isRange[1]) then begin
          (*p)[i1[0]:i1[1]:i1[2],i2,i3[0]:i3[1]:i3[2]] = value
        endif else begin
          (*p)[i1,i2,i3[0]:i3[1]:i3[2]] = value
        endelse
      endelse
    endif else begin
      if (isRange[2]) then begin
        if (isRange[1]) then begin
          (*p)[i1[0]:i1[1]:i1[2],i2[0]:i2[1]:i2[2],i3] = value
        endif else begin
          (*p)[i1,i2[0]:i2[1]:i2[2],i3] = value

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        endelse
    endif else begin
        if (isRange[1]) then begin
            (*p)[i1[0]:i1[1]:i1[2],i2,i3] = value
        endif else begin
            (*p)[i1,i2,i3] = value
        endelse
    endelse
endelse

endif else if ISA(i2) then begin

    if (isRange[2]) then begin
        if (isRange[1]) then begin
            (*p)[i1[0]:i1[1]:i1[2],i2[0]:i2[1]:i2[2]] = value
        endif else begin
            (*p)[i1,i2[0]:i2[1]:i2[2]] = value
        endelse
    endif else begin
        if (isRange[1]) then begin
            (*p)[i1[0]:i1[1]:i1[2],i2] = value
        endif else begin
            (*p)[i1,i2] = value
        endelse
    endelse

endif else begin
    ; just i1
    if (isRange[1]) then begin
        (*p)[i1[0]:i1[1]:i1[2]] = value
    endif else begin
        (*p)[i1] = value
    endelse
endelse

return
endif

;*** Brute force code for 4D or higher arrays.

; Compute the number of subelements for each indexing dimension.
nd = LON64ARR(nr)

; Adjust for negative indices or "*" indices.
if (nr ge 7 && isRange[7]) then begin
    if (i7[0] lt 0) then i7[0] += dim[6]
    if (i7[1] lt 0) then i7[1] += dim[6]

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endif
if (nr ge 6 && isRange[6]) then begin
    if (i6[0] lt 0) then i6[0] += dim[5]
    if (i6[1] lt 0) then i6[1] += dim[5]
endif
if (nr ge 5 && isRange[5]) then begin
    if (i5[0] lt 0) then i5[0] += dim[4]
    if (i5[1] lt 0) then i5[1] += dim[4]
endif
if (nr ge 4 && isRange[4]) then begin
    if (i4[0] lt 0) then i4[0] += dim[3]
    if (i4[1] lt 0) then i4[1] += dim[3]
endif
if (nr ge 3 && isRange[3]) then begin
    if (i3[0] lt 0) then i3[0] += dim[2]
    if (i3[1] lt 0) then i3[1] += dim[2]
endif
if (nr ge 2 && isRange[2]) then begin
    if (i2[0] lt 0) then i2[0] += dim[1]
    if (i2[1] lt 0) then i2[1] += dim[1]
endif
if (nr ge 1 && isRange[1]) then begin
    if (i1[0] lt 0) then i1[0] += dim[0]
    if (i1[1] lt 0) then i1[1] += dim[0]
endif

switch (nr) of
7: nd[6] = isRange[7] ? (i7[1] - i7[0])/i7[2] + 1 : N_ELEMENTS(i7)
6: nd[5] = isRange[6] ? (i6[1] - i6[0])/i6[2] + 1 : N_ELEMENTS(i6)
5: nd[4] = isRange[5] ? (i5[1] - i5[0])/i5[2] + 1 : N_ELEMENTS(i5)
4: nd[3] = isRange[4] ? (i4[1] - i4[0])/i4[2] + 1 : N_ELEMENTS(i4)
3: nd[2] = isRange[3] ? (i3[1] - i3[0])/i3[2] + 1 : N_ELEMENTS(i3)
2: nd[1] = isRange[2] ? (i2[1] - i2[0])/i2[2] + 1 : N_ELEMENTS(i2)
1: nd[0] = isRange[1] ? (i1[1] - i1[0])/i1[2] + 1 : N_ELEMENTS(i1)
endswitch

; Compute the cumulative and total number of elements.
ncum = PRODUCT(nd, /INTEGER, /CUMULATIVE)
n = PRODUCT(nd, /INTEGER)
indices = n eq 1 ? 0LL : LON64ARR(n)

; Product of all "previous" dimensions.
pdim = PRODUCT(dim, /CUMULATIVE, /INTEGER)

; Construct the indices for the first dimension.
ix = (isRange[1] ? i1[0] + i1[2]*L64INDGEN(nd[0]) : i1)
if ((nd[0] ne n) && ISA(ix,/ARRAY)) then ix = REBIN(ix, nd[0], n/nd[0])

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indices += ix

; Construct the indices for the higher dimensions.

for i=1,nr-1 do begin

; Get the raw indices for this particular dimension.

case (i) of

1: ix = (isRange[2] ? i2[0] + i2[2]*L64INDGEN(nd[i]) : i2)

2: ix = (isRange[3] ? i3[0] + i3[2]*L64INDGEN(nd[i]) : i3)

3: ix = (isRange[4] ? i4[0] + i4[2]*L64INDGEN(nd[i]) : i4)

4: ix = (isRange[5] ? i5[0] + i5[2]*L64INDGEN(nd[i]) : i5)

5: ix = (isRange[6] ? i6[0] + i6[2]*L64INDGEN(nd[i]) : i6)

6: ix = (isRange[7] ? i7[0] + i7[2]*L64INDGEN(nd[i]) : i7)

endcase

; Multiply indices for this dimension by all the lower

; dimensions since this dimension spans them.

ix *= pdim[i-1]

ix = REFORM(ix, 1, nd[i], /OVERWRITE)

; Use rebin to replicate the indices - make them "repeat" for all of

; the lower dimensions, and "duplicate" them for the higher dims.

if nd[i] ne n then ix = REBIN(ix, ncum[i-1], nd[i], n/ncum[i])

indices += ix

endfor

(*p)[indices] = value

end