
Subject: IDL Array Indices Command
Posted by [David B](#) on Fri, 20 Mar 2015 12:51:40 GMT
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Hello all,

I currently have an array:

```
IDL> help, cl_xy  
CL_XY      LONG      = Array[2, 118090]
```

This array seems to be causing issues with the array indices command:

```
IDL> col_eight = FIX(DISTANCE_MEASURE(cl_xy, /MATRIX, MEASURE = 2), type = 3)
```

```
% Illegal subscript range: INDEX1.  
% Execution halted at: CLOUDWALKER      979 /home/dbresnahan/idl/cloudroutines/cloudwalke  
r/cloudwalker.pro  
%                               $MAIN$
```

I am clearly missing something very obvious here. My array is correctly set up as a Long, so I am unsure as to what this issue is.

For the record my array is just a box of pixels where I am using the array_indices to implement a shortest path algorithm. Before someone shouts at me, I am exporting to Julia as it handles FOR loops much better than IDL and working my shortest path in there.

David

Subject: Re: IDL Array Indices Command
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Fri, 20 Mar 2015 13:24:15 GMT
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On 20.03.2015 13:51, David B wrote:

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Fabien

Subject: Re: IDL Array Indices Command
Posted by [David B](#) on Fri, 20 Mar 2015 13:30:00 GMT
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On Friday, March 20, 2015 at 1:24:19 PM UTC, Fabien wrote:

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That is unfortunate.

Thanks a lot for your help. I know it is a massive array, but I thought IDL could handle it. Mistaken I am.

David

Subject: Re: IDL Array Indices Command
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Fri, 20 Mar 2015 13:48:00 GMT
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> David

If I calculated well, this matrix would take ~55Gb of memory:

```
IDL> (4LL*118090LL*118090LL) / 1000. / 1000. / 1000.  
55.780991
```

Cheers,

Fabien
