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Posted by [R. Bauer](#) on Tue, 17 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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> etc...
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> This is really ugly. Is there any workaround to this stupid limit?

You are not alone with this problem.

Here is the workaround!

You can open a file and write strings from an idlprocedure or define by hand like:

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;include batch file for program: xyz.pro
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and so on.

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@ must be on the first column.

That's all

regards

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Upgrade to IDL 5.0. :-)

Supposedly all the limits of this sort have been eliminated
in the new version.

Cheers,

David

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A minor point, many FORTRAN compilers have a limit on the number of continuation lines, so you have a similar problem to IDL.

> Does this limitation still exist in IDL 5? (I am using IDL 4.0.1)
Yes, I just tested it and I got an error if I tried to use the array concatenation operator on more than 90 array elements.

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