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Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Wed, 07 Jan 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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>   r2.b=float(str)
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>
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>
> Whats am I doing wrong? Or does IDL wrong with
> array of one element?
>
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Hi Theo,

you have to use str(0) in the case of 1 element. Replace the marked lines with

```
if (i gt 1) then r2.a=str else r2.a=str(0)
if (i gt 1) then r2.b=float(str) else r2.b=float(str(0))
```

BTW: you are here quite frequently now. Is Franz R. not around ? ;-)

Martin.

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Replace

r= { a:"",b:1.}

with

r = { a:["],b:[1.]}

Then you need not to worry about your input (but probably of your output  
:-)  
Cheers,

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