

Multi-Dimensional Arrays in 4th Dimension

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Have you ever wondered if you can do Multi-Dimensional arrays in 4th Dimension? Well...now you can (do them that is, not wonder about them).

All you need are the nice tricks shown below:

The process consists of two procedures and function written directly in a 4D procedure.

Procedures:

Create2D_Array (ArrayName; sizeX; sizeY)

This creates a "pseudo" 2-dimensional array called ArrayName.

Set2D_Array (ArrayName; locX; locY; Value)

This procedure will put "Value" into ArrayName (locX; locY) .

Function:

Get2D_Array (ArrayName; locX; locY)

This function will return the value in ArrayName (locX; locY)

Let's let the source code speak for itself (paste it into 4D for correct formatting):
(NOTE: Print out the procedures or do a copy/paste for complete accuracy!)

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- ` Procedure Create2D_Array
- ` This Procedure takes 3 Parameters
- ` 1) ArrayName : String
- ` 2) X dimension : Integer
- ` 3) Y Dimension : Integer
- ` This procedure will create a 2-Dimensional array of size X by Y
- ` And create 1 global variable named: ArrayNameY for mapping purposes
- ` Example usage:
- ` Create2D_Array("List";10;30)

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ArrayName:=$1 ` Copying to a temp Global Variable
xCoord:=$2 ` Simply Because Execute Can not process local Vars
yCoord:=$3
EXECUTE(ArrayName+"0:=(xCoord*yCoord)") ` ArrayVar0:=Xdim*Ydim
EXECUTE(ArrayName+"Y:=yCoord") ` Saves the value Y Dimension of the array to
` a global var ArrayNameY

CLEAR VARIABLE("ArrayName")
CLEAR VARIABLE("xCoord")
CLEAR VARIABLE("yCoord") ` We don't need you anymore

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- ` Procedure Set2D_Array
- ` This procedure takes 4 Parameters
- ` 1) ArrayName
- ` 2) X Coord
- ` 3) Y Coord
- ` 4) The value to store
- ` Example Usage:
- ` Set2D_Array("List";5;7;"Natural Intelligence Consulting meets Acius")

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ArrayName:=$1
xCoord:=$2
yCoord:=$3
toStore:=$4
EXECUTE(ArrayName+"{{{(xCoord-1)*"+ArrayName+"Y+yCoord}}}:toStore")
CLEAR VARIABLE("ArrayName";"xCoord";"yCoord";"toStore")

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- ` Function Set2D_Array
- ` This Function takes 3 Parameters
- ` 1) ArrayName
- ` 2) X Coord
- ` 3) Y Coord
- ` and it will return the value in \$0
- ` Example Usage:
- ` Current:=Get2D_Array("List";5;9)

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ArrayName:=$1
xCoord:=$2
yCoord:=$3
EXECUTE("tempResult:="+ArrayName+"{{{(xCoord-1)*"+ArrayName+"Y+yCoord}}}")
` Maps the 2D array to the 1D array
$0:=tempResult
CLEAR VARIABLE("ArrayName";"xCoord";"yCoord";"tempResult")

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You can create as many Arrays as your Macintosh's memory will allow. Since this procedure is actually a 1-Dimensional array mapped to a 2-Dimensional array, the maximum # of elements allowed is the Maximum # allowed in a 4D one dimensional array. I think is somewhere about 32000, so you probably can create an array of 32 by 1000, memory permitting.

Note: I used some global variables because the **Execute** command can not process a local variable. So... make sure you are not using the same global names or something is going to get clobbered!

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