

Chapter IV-10 — Advanced Topics

```
// Create a wave to hold data folder references returned by Worker.  
// /WAVE specifies the data type of the wave as "wave reference".  
Make/WAVE/N=(numPlanes) ww  
  
Variable timerRefNum = StartMSTimer  
  
MultiThread ww= Worker(srcData,p)  
  
Variable elapsedTime = StopMSTimer(timerRefNum) / 1E6  
  
Printf "Statement took %g seconds for %d planes\r", elapsedTime, numPlanes  
  
// At this point, ww holds wave references to 50 M_ImagePlane free waves  
// created by Worker. Each M_ImagePlane holds the extracted and filtered  
// data for one plane of the source 3D wave.  
  
// Create an output wave named out3D by cloning the first filtered plane  
WAVE w= ww[0]  
Duplicate/O w, out3D  
  
// Concatenate the remaining filtered planes onto out3D  
Variable i  
for(i=1;i<numPlanes;i+=1)  
    WAVE w= ww[i]  
    Concatenate {w}, out3D  
endfor  
  
// Create a 3D output wave by concatenating the filtered planes  
Concatenate/O {ww}, out3D  
  
// ww holds references to the free waves. By killing ww, we kill  
// the last reference to the free waves which causes them to be  
// automatically deleted.  
KillWaves ww  
End
```

To run the demo, execute:

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Demo(50)
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Structure Array MultiThread Example

In a preceding example, free data folders were used to hold data processed by threads. A somewhat simpler approach is to use one or more structures to pass input data and to receive output data. The following example uses a single structure for both input and output. An array of these structures stored in a wave ensures that each thread works on its own data. After the calculation, the results are extracted. The net result for this simple example is nothing more than: `dataOutput = sin(p)`.

```
Structure ThreadIOData  
    // Input to thread  
    double x  
  
    // Output from thread  
    double out  
EndStructure  
  
Function Demo()  
    if (IgorVersion() < 6.36)  
        // This example crashes in Igor Pro 6.35 or before  
        // because of a bug in StructGet/StructPut  
        Abort "Function requires Igor Pro 6.36 or later."
```