

Subject: Allow a fixed-extent array as a bounds specification  
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1 **Number**

2 TBD

3 **Title**

4 Allow a fixed-extent array as a bounds specification.

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7 **Status**

8 For consideration.

9 **Basic Functionality**

10 Allow a fixed-extent array as a bounds specification.

11 **Rationale**

12 Suppose one has a dummy array D and one needs an automatic array A with the same rank and  
13 extents as D. It would be convenient to be able to write `integer A(shape(D))` instead of `integer`  
14 `A(size(D,1),size(D,2),...)`.

15 **Estimated Impact**

16 Minor.

17 **Detailed Specification**

18 Allow the bounds of an array to be given by a rank-1 array, both in the declaration of an explicit-shape  
19 array and in an ALLOCATE statement. If both bounds are specified, and at least one is given by an  
20 array, the other bound has to be given by a conformable expression.

21 **History**