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Subject: Re: Would you consider this a bug?  
Posted by [Kevin Ivory](#) on Thu, 01 Oct 1998 07:00:00 GMT  
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David Kastrup wrote:

```
> a=[3,4,5]
> a[[2,1,0]] = a
>
> a will be set to [3,4,3]
>
> Would you think this a bug?
```

I think this is extremely dangerous programming: you might get undefined or unpredictable results with almost any programming language in this type of case. The clean way of doing what you want is to index the right side of the expression:  
a = a[[2,1,0]]

I don't think this is a bug.

Kevin

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