Subject: Re: where() and IEEE NaN
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Pavel Romashkin (promashkin@cmdl.noaa.gov) writes:

> I am not sure if trying to use WHERE on NaN is legitimate. NaN is a
> missing value by definition, and the request to WHERE those values is
> senseless.

Spoken like a software developer, Pavel! Bravo! :-)

> However, I'd too better like WHERE to complain than to
> quietly return some array.

Uh, well, yeah. :-(

> It does not seem to be a *practical* problem because NaNs don't sneak
> into your arrays unless you place them in.

Or, more likely read them from a file of someone else's
data, where they can sometimes cause all kinds of havoc.

> As for whether its right or wrong, I think someone said it before: iI am
> more interested in how to do what I need, not in how I think they did it
> wrong.

Really!? Now you sound like a computer programmer. I'm
confused. :-)

Cheers,

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