
Subject: Re: error with sort

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

>
> R.Bauer (R.Bauer@fz-juelich.de) writes:
>
>> print,sort([1,1,1,1,1])
>
> I'm pretty sure that no matter how you would
> order the sort of these numbers, Reimer, you
> would get the same answer. :-)
>
> And, really, that's all these different numbers
> are saying. It doesn't matter where you *start*
> the sort, when values are the same, the order is
> irrelevant. The SORT function is obviously selecting
> a random number as the starting point of the sort.
> (In other words, to sort something you pick a
> number and then the next number is greater than
> this number, or less than this number, etc. If the
> number happens to be *equal* to the pick. Just
> put it here, it's order doesn't matter. That's
> what you are seeing in the pattern (or non-pattern)
> you are detecting. SORTs are more efficient, in
> general I think, when they use random numbers
> to pick starting locations.
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> Cheers,
>
> David
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Dear David,

that's all right, but why get I different results on different Operation Systems?

Reimar

File Attachments

1) [R.Bauer.vcf](#), downloaded 113 times
