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Subject: Re: Incorrect behavior of /NAN

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sat, 06 Apr 2002 15:46:10 GMT

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Kenneth Bowman <k-bowman@null.tamu.edu> writes:

> In article <onu1qpzubn.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu>,  
> Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:  
>  
>> I could easily argue the other way, in terms of reasonableness. The  
>> sum of "no" numbers is zero.  
>  
> Zero is a number. How can the sum of no numbers be a number?  
> If there are no numbers how can there even be a sum?

I think either value is a "reasonable" return from TOTAL, zero or NaN,  
in the case you describe. The real issue is that it's not documented.

Now where did I put that box of cupcakes...

Craig

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