
Subject: Re: BYTSCL and NAN keyword

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 02 Mar 2004 17:45:35 GMT

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Kenneth Bowman writes:

- > Right, I understand all that. I'm just trying to understand what the
- > NAN keyword is good for.
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- > If you could say NAN = 255 (or 19, or whatever), instead of just /NAN,
- > it would be of some use. That way the value that NANs become in the
- > output could be distinguished from valid data.
- >
- > As it is, the NAN keyword is only of use if you are happy with NANs
- > turning into valid data in the output (i.e., indistinguishable from
- > small valid values).
- >
- > I have to consider this an error in the way the handling of NANs was
- > implemented in BYTSCL.

Ken, they are **bytes**. They only have 8 little thingamajigs.
There is not too much room for creativity here! :-)

Cheers,

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