
Subject: Re: Clever Where() test
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IDL allows you to give a zero subscript to a scalar,
so you can say:

```
i=WHERE(...)  
IF i(0) EQ -1 THEN BEGIN  
...
```

One word of caution. If you have a scalar element of a structure,
for some reason you can't do this:

```
x={i:0,j:1}  
IF x.i(0) ... ;bombs
```

But you can make it work with more parentheses:

```
IF (x.i)(0) ... ;works
```

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