Thanks to you both, the solution proposed by Paolo does exactly what I
wanted (I don't want gaps in the "rankings") and this is fast enough for
my case.

Thanks again,
Emmanuel

David Fanning a écrit :
> Paolo Grigis writes:
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>>> Then,
>>>
>>>   IDL> a=[3,3,1,2,3,2,2,1,2,3]
>>>   IDL> Print, a
>>>   1 1 3 4 1 4 4 3 4 1
>>
>> Well, I guess this depends on whether the original poster minds having
>> gaps in the "rankings" (no element with "rank" 2 in your example)...
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> It's like golf: "tied for first and third". :-)
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> Cheers,
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> David
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