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Subject: Re: sorting string arrays - non alphabetic and user defined order

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Greg Michael writes:

- > hmm... it seems to me that 'result' is the array you are looking for:
- > it has the elements in the order you want, and they have the indices
- > numbered from zero (i.e. there are no empty elements).

It seems that way to me, too. But I had to work with the solution for a time before I understood it. It would have taken me a LONG time to think of using indices rather than strings to come up with a solution. Perhaps the solution was TOO concise. I've expanded on it just a little bit in this article:

[http://www.dfanning.com/idl\\_way/strsort.html](http://www.dfanning.com/idl_way/strsort.html)

Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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