Subject: Re: search routine

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Paolo Grigis wrote:
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>>> Laurens wrote:
>>>> Hi folks,
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>>>> From Martin Schultz (posted in 1999) I found the following
>>> array-search algorithm which seems to do a fine job.
>>>> Except that i'm not able to catch the first element in the array.
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>>>> Example:
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>>> Array = [0,80,100,120,180,300]
>>> result = search, Array, 4.53
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>>>> It should return index 0, if I understand it correctly, but it
>>>> returns 1 instead. Now I don't quite follow the logic of the
>>>> function, so maybe someone for which it's easy to see can help me in
>>>> the right direction?
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>>> You could use the built-in function value locate instead:
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>>> result=value locate(array,4.53)
>>>
>>> which returns 0.
>>> Ciao.
>>> Paolo
>> though i'm noticing that it takes its ground number to be returned.
>> If my array has [0,10,20,30] and i'm searching for 18, it will return
>> 10. Now its just that would want to get 20 instead of 10 :)
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> well, in that case, just increase the index of the returned
  value by one (though you'd better check that it wasn't the
  *last* element...).
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> Ciao,
> Paolo
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>> regards, Laurens

haha, that sounds like a plausible solution, but that would get a result of 13 to become the 3rd index (2), when it should be the second.. It just needs to mean the result before it compares the value, but i assume that's not something which can be done without rewriting it?

Cheers, Laurens