
Subject: Re: IDL 4.0.1, best way to deal with missing/bad data

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: >The question comes as to the best way to handle missing/bad data
: >within IDL. By handle I mean don't use the data in computations, and
: >don't plot it. I can think of three ways:

: There is another way - use the IDL WHERE() function and the capability to
: subscript and array with another.

: read, data, flag
: good = where(flag eq 0)
: data = data(good)
: plot, data

Don't forget to test whether there is any good data at all! If there isn't, then WHERE returns -1, which will break the data(good) array subscript. Of course, for some this is not a problem, but maybe I have worse data than others, and this caught me out at first.

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