
Subject: Re: Sorting (big) int array: Eliminate for loop
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How about this...

```
pro test
a=['I','E','F','D','A','J','C','B','G','H']
b=['E','B','I','J','D','A','C','H','F','G']
```

```
qa=sort(a)
qb=sort(b)
qa2=sort(qa)
elements=qb[qa2]
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print,b[elements]
end
```

```
IDL> test
I E F D A J C B G H
```

Sorting the sorted indices is the trick. I think it's right, but it makes my head hurt anyway.

regards,
Greg
