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Subject: Re: NAN Problem

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Thu, 14 Jan 2010 08:49:52 GMT

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David Fanning schrieb:

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> Folks,
>
> Consider this sequence of commands on my IDL 7.0.1
> LINUX version.
>
> IDL> a = Findgen(11)
> IDL> a[0] = !Values.F_NAN
> IDL> Print, Min(a), Max(a)
>      NaN  NaN
> IDL> b = Findgen(11)
> IDL> b[1] = !Values.F_NAN
> IDL> Print, Min(b), Max(b)
>      0.00000  10.00000
>
> What do you make of that? This is giving me a great
> deal of trouble today while trying to eliminate bad
> values from an image. :-(
>
> I have the same results with my Windows IDL 7.1.2
> version, except I do get a warning about a floating
> illegal operand with variable b, which I don't get
> on LINUX.
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
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>
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Hi David

For some reason the nan keyword was introduced

NAN

Set this keyword to cause the routine to check for occurrences of the IEEE floating-point values NaN or Infinity in the input data. Elements with the value NaN or Infinity are treated as missing data. (See Special Floating-Point Values (Application Programming) for more information on IEEE floating-point values.)

```
IDL> print, min(a,/nan)
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1.00000
IDL> print, min(b,/nan)
0.00000
```

I try to avoid nan values.

Because not all operators do have the possibility to set nan operations by a keyword. Frank has added some  
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functions because he likes nan.

cheers  
Reimar

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