
Subject: Re: LIST "bug": .Remove on an empty list
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 2010 15:46:53 GMT
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Paul van Delst writes:

> Thinking about it a little more, I think I'm biased against IDL and thus making bad design
decisions (sorry!). If there
> was a list "Empty" or "IsEmpty" method (like ruby's "empty?" method...for both arrays/lists and
hashes), I would be more
> tempted to use it,
>
> if (l.isempty()) then ...return, handle error, whatever...
>
> as opposed to the current IDL idiom,
>
> if (n_elements(l) eq 0) then ...return, handle error, whatever...

I can't stop to look into this today (18 pages yesterday!!),
but why can't you just write this ISEmpty method for yourself?

```
Function List::IsEmpty  
  IF N_Elements(self) EQ 0 THEN RETURN, 0 ELSE RETURN, 1  
END
```

That would work, que no?

Cheers,

David

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