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Subject: Re: BUG: How to crash IDL using !null  
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Am 20.02.2011 06:48, schrieb M. Katz:

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> Here's a serious crash I found in IDL 8.0.1 (Mac) {not tested on other
> platforms yet} having to do with !null as an array index in a
> structure field that happens to be an array.
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> THIS WORKS NORMALLY:
>
> a = fltarr(10)
> w = where(a EQ 99, /null) ;--- here w will be !null
> a[w] = 1. ;--- these two are interchangeable since w is !null
> a[!null] = 1.
>
> THIS CRASHES IDL:
>
> a = {b:fltarr(10)} ;--- create a structure with an array
> w = where(a.b EQ 99, /null) ;--- here w will be !null
> print, w ;--- show us that w is !null
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IDL> f = {test:[1,2]}
IDL> print, f.test[!null]
```

crashes it too, looks like it is not consistently for all types implemented

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> a.b[w] = 1 ;--- here it crashes for me.
> a.b[!null] = 1 ;--- this equivalent statement also crashes.
>
> I haven't yet tried this with all forms of lists and hashes, pointers
> etc.
> Anyone have any ideas besides, "Don't do that."
>
> M.
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