Subject: HASH -- bug, or "feature"?
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Can anyone tell me why, when you create a hash, the elements are not
in the order of the keys you give? And, even worse, when you index a
hash with an array of keys, the resulting hash does not come out in
the same order as the array?

```
IDL> h = hash(['a','b','c','d'],indgen(4))
IDL> print, h
c:      2
a:      0
b:      1
d:      3
IDL> print, h[['a','c','d']]
c:      2
a:      0
d:      3
```

This is making my bookkeeping using hashes basically impossible.

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