
Subject: Re: Select values from one array that match multiple values from an other array

Posted by [Sir Loin Steak](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2012 18:24:15 GMT

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On Thursday, December 13, 2012 4:35:28 PM UTC, David Fanning wrote:

> David Fanning writes:

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>> OK, I just added a POSITIONS keyword to SetIntersection

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>> that will return the positions in vector A where the

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>> values in vector B appear.

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>> A=[1,3,2,5,2,6,1,9]

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>> B=[1,5]

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>> C = SetIntersection(a, b, Positions=pos)

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>> Print, pos

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>> 0 6 3

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> At Bob Stockwell's suggestion (and with his code!) I

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> have added the keywords INDICES_A and INDICES_B

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> to this program to allow you to return the matching

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> indices in BOTH vectors. Note that this assumes the

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> vectors A and B contain *unique* values. In other

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> words, INDICES_A and POSITIONS are identical vectors

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> IF vector A and B contain unique values. If they

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> don't, then POSITIONS will contain ALL of the locations

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> in vector A where the match occurs.

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> You can find the updated program here:
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> <http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/setintersection.pro>
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

I was just about to post a question about this very topic - spooky! Would it also be possible to amend the SetDifference code so it also records positions, as I would like to know which elements of one array have no match in a different array.

Many thanks
