

---

Subject: Re: Name of Routine Escapes Me  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 18 Sep 2003 20:09:16 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

David Fanning writes:

> Anyone younger have a clue as to what this routine was  
> called? You will be forever in my debt. :-)

Oh, never mind. Just hitting the send key was enough  
to call it to mind, embarrassingly enough: VALUE\_LOCATE.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say there are times when it's not about  
programming prowess. It's about something... well..., else. :-(

--

David W. Fanning, Ph.D.  
Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.  
Phone: 970-221-0438, E-mail: [david@dfanning.com](mailto:david@dfanning.com)  
Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>  
Toll-Free IDL Book Orders: 1-888-461-0155

---

---

Subject: Re: Name of Routine Escapes Me  
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Thu, 18 Sep 2003 20:27:16 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

In article <MPG.19d3bed9c874bbf49896f2@news.frii.com>,  
David Fanning <[david@dfanning.com](mailto:david@dfanning.com)> wrote:

> David Fanning writes:

>

>> Anyone younger have a clue as to what this routine was  
>> called? You will be forever in my debt. :-)

>

> Oh, never mind. Just hitting the send key was enough  
> to call it to mind, embarrassingly enough: VALUE\_LOCATE.

VALUE\_LOCATE gets my nomination for hardest IDL routine name to  
remember. I suppose I should make a wrapper called SEARCH. ;-)

Ken Bowman

---

---

Subject: Re: Name of Routine Escapes Me  
Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Thu, 18 Sep 2003 20:35:21 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:MPG.19d3bd7cbbf663d19896f1@news.frii.com...

> Folks,

>

> Oh, oh. Now in addition to forgetting people's names

> (even those I have known for years), I am forgetting

> the names of IDL routines. :-(

>

> There is a routine (I've seen it discussed here, in

> fact, I swore I would write an article about it so I

> could find it on my web page) that works like this.

> Given an array of values, and a target value, it tells

> you which index in the array (gosh, I even wrote a program

> using this, but which one!!!) contains a value closest to

> the target value.

I called mine WHERE\_CLOSEST.

:)

-bob

---