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Subject: cmset\_op question (Craig)

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Hello,

I've been using cmset\_op with abandon and have really appreciated it. Recently, I found behaviour that was unexpected to me.

Here's the example:

```
IDL> a = [1]
IDL> b = ['1']
IDL> print, cmset_op(a, 'and' a)
      1
IDL> print, cmset_op(b, 'and' b)
1 1
```

cmset\_op returns unique values in the case of an integer array but not in the case of a string array.

Is this intended?

And if so, how can I return the unique elements of a string array using cmset\_op?

I know that I can use uniq() built into idl, but would prefer to use cmset\_op if possible.

Thanks in advance,  
James

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