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Subject: Re: Arrays with NaN values

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 03 Oct 2004 06:30:02 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Posted by [julio](#) on Sun, 03 Oct 2004 20:36:50 GMT

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```
Image=(0*(where(float(finite Image[*,*],/Nan)))) + $  
Image*(where(NOT float(finite *Image[*,*],/Nan)))
```

I guess I'm not using "where" function correctly, once it doesn't  
work.

What could be the problem? I must retain the array size, I just need  
to change Nan for zeros or other value.

Regards,  
Julio

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news:<MPG.1bc94a59bb2414b998968f@news.frii.com>...

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Subject: Re: Arrays with NaN values  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2004 05:22:53 GMT  
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I think I would try something like this:

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IF count NE 0 THEN image[index] = 0
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Posted by [julio](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2004 17:08:19 GMT  
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Well, it has taken my years to learn to program in the  
IDL Way. :-)

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David

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Subject: Re: Arrays with NaN values  
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2004 23:58:55 GMT  
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```
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```

because the NOT operator and the WHERE function do not play well together. The reasons are explained here:

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In IDL 6.0 the logical not operator, "~" operator was introduced to avoid this problem, so the following would work

```
index = Where(~Finite(image), count)
```

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Subject: Re: Arrays with NaN values  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2004 16:13:23 GMT  
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Man, the C-loving types really did a number on IDL. RSI musta hired a boatload of CS grads from the same school or something to implement the OO stuff. :o) [and, just in case anyone is irony impaired, yes, I am kidding]

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I realise "~" is a complement operator but when I look at the code above, I think "where the elements of IMAGE are \*approximately\* finite" ..... huh?

Gosh, I have that old'n'crusty feeling coming on again. Back to DF's blog for some restorative therapy.....

paulv

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