
Subject: Re: NULL value in IDL ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 01 Feb 2005 19:30:34 GMT

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Jerome Colin writes:

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print, b
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Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Jerome Colin](#) on Wed, 02 Feb 2005 08:28:01 GMT

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And if I use :

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it returns -1.

What kind of operator can be used to identify NaN cells in my array ?

Many thanks, David !

Jerome

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Posted by [Jerome Colin](#) on Wed, 02 Feb 2005 08:58:05 GMT

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> Jerome
Oups... Forget my question, I've found your answer on your web site, in
math tips 'finding NaN in arrays'.
Thank you for your help.
Jerome

Subject: Re: NULL value in IDL ?
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Wed, 02 Feb 2005 15:03:43 GMT
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In article <ctq3og\$76u\$2@news.u-strasbg.fr>,
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You need to use

```
i = WHERE(~FINITE(newdata), count)
IF (count GT 0) THEN newdata[i] = 0
```

Cheers, Ken Bowman
