Subject: value_locate.pro location in IDL library
Posted by IDL_Newbie_2000 on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 21:16:58 GMT
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I am trying to use GDL to do some of my work and noticed it was reporting a missing function of value_locate(). I looked for this procedure/function in IDL library but can't find it, which is really strange to me, since a lot of functions seem to use it in IDL (e.g. mean()). Would any one tell me where I can find this function in the computer?

Thanks in advace.

Subject: Re: value_locate.pro location in IDL library
Posted by btt on Fri, 15 Sep 2006 14:26:26 GMT
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IDL> print, value_locate(reverse(arr), 'cup')
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Nifty!
Ben

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Posted by Joel Gales on Sat, 16 Sep 2006 13:05:54 GMT
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There is a VALUE_LOCATE procedure in the CVS repository in src/pro.