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Posted by phil on Wed, 17 May 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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The answers are perfectly correct 0 is in hex 0000 and so (not 0) is ffff
which is -1, and not 1 will be fffe or -2. It's a bitwise operation,
often useful but occasionally infuriating (e.g. if you want to use the
negation of something you've just calculated as a value of a set/unset
keyword) if you want the logical operation then you should and the entire
expression with 1
e.g.

```
IDL>print, (not 0) and 1
   1
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   0
```

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