Subject: Odd behavior with NaNs
Posted by whdaffer on Tue, 09 Aug 2016 16:28:36 GMT
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whd

Subject: Re: Odd behavior with NaNs
Posted by Craig Markwardt on Tue, 09 Aug 2016 23:42:38 GMT
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I'd usually use WHERE() to protect against that kind of input range issue. But you're right, it's strange that this happens. It's also documented to be platform-dependent!

http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/Minimum_and_Maximum_Ope r.html

Craig
