

# ARRAYINDEXOF Function

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Computes the index at which a specified element is first found within an array. Indexing is left to right.

- Leftmost index value is 0.
- If the element is not found, null is returned.
- For right-to-left searching, use `ARRAYRIGHTINDEXOF`.
  - If only one element exists in the array, both functions return the same value.
  - For more information, see *ARRAYRIGHTINDEXOF Function*.

**Wrangle vs. SQL:** This function is part of Wrangle , a proprietary data transformation language. Wrangle is not SQL. For more information, see *Wrangle Language*.

## Basic Usage

### Array literal reference example:

```
arrayindexof(["A","B","C","D"],"C")
```

**Output:** Returns the index of the element "C" in the array, which is 2 in an 0-based index.

### Column reference example:

```
arrayindexof([myValues],myElement)
```

**Output:** Returns the index in the `myValues` arrays for the elements listed in the `myElement` column.

## Syntax and Arguments

```
arrayindexof(array_ref,my_element)
```

Argument	Required?	Data Type	Description
array_ref	Y	array or string	Name of Array column, Array literal, or function returning an Array to apply to the function
my_element	Y	any	The element to locate in the array

For more information on syntax standards, see *Language Documentation Syntax Notes*.

## array\_ref

Name of the array column, array literal, or function returning an array whose element you want to locate.

- Multiple columns and wildcards are not supported.

### Usage Notes:

Required?	Data Type	Example Value
Yes	String (column reference or function) or array literal	myArray1

## my\_element

Element literal that you wish to locate in the array. It can be a value of any data type.

### Usage Notes:

Required?	Data Type	Example Value
Yes	Any	"1st "

## Examples

**Tip:** For additional examples, see *Common Tasks*.

### Example - Computing points based on position of finish

This example covers the following functions:

- `ARRAYINDEXOF` - Returns the index value of an array for the specified value, searching from left to right. See *ARRAYINDEXOF Function*.
- `ARRAYRIGHTINDEXOF` - Returns the index value of an array for the specified value, searching from right to left. See *ARRAYRIGHTINDEXOF Function*.

### Source:

The following set of arrays contain results, in order, of a series of races. From this list, the goal is to generate the score for each racer according to the following scoring matrix.

Place	Points
1st	30
2nd	20
3rd	10
Last	-10
Did Not Finish (DNF)	-20

Results:

RaceId	RaceResults
1	["racer3","racer5","racer2","racer1","racer6"]
2	["racer6","racer4","racer2","racer1","racer3","racer5"]
3	["racer4","racer3","racer5","racer2","racer6","racer1"]
4	["racer1","racer2","racer3","racer5"]
5	["racer5","racer2","racer4","racer6","racer3"]

Transformation:

Note that the number of racers varies with each race, so determining the position of the last racer depends on the number in the event. The number of racers can be captured using the following:

Transformation Name	New formula
Parameter: Formula type	Single row formula
Parameter: Formula	ARRAYLEN(RaceResults)
Parameter: New column name	'countRacers'

Create columns containing the index values for each racer. Below is the example for `racer1`:

Transformation Name	New formula
Parameter: Formula type	Single row formula
Parameter: Formula	ARRAYINDEXOF(RaceResults, 'racer1')
Parameter: New column name	'arrL-IndexRacer1'

Transformation Name	New formula
Parameter: Formula type	Single row formula
Parameter: Formula	ARRAYRIGHTINDEXOF(RaceResults, 'racer1')
Parameter: New column name	'arrR-IndexRacer1'

You can then compare the values in the two columns to determine if they are the same.

**NOTE:** If ARRAYINDEXOF and ARRAYRIGHTINDEXOF do not return the same value for the same inputs, then the value is not unique in the array.

Since the points awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place follow a consistent pattern, you can use the following single statement to compute points for podium finishes for `racer1`: computing based on the value stored for the left index value:

Transformation Name	Conditional column
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<b>Parameter: Condition type</b>	if...then...else
<b>Parameter: If</b>	{arrayL-IndexRacer1} < 3
<b>Parameter: Then</b>	(3 - {arrayL-IndexRacer1}) * 10
<b>Parameter: Else</b>	0
<b>Parameter: New column name</b>	'ptsRacer1'

The following transform then edits the ptsRacer1 to evaluate for the Did Not Finish (DNF) and last place conditions:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	Edit column with formula
<b>Parameter: Columns</b>	ptsRacer1
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	IF(ISNULL({arrayL-IndexRacer1}), -20, ptsRacer1)

You can use the following to determine if the specified racer was last in the event:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	Edit column with formula
<b>Parameter: Columns</b>	ptsRacer1
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	IF(arrR-IndexRacer1 == countRacers, -10, ptsRacer1)

### Results:

RaceId	RaceResults	countRacers	arrR-IndexRacer1	arrL-IndexRacer1	ptsRacer1
1	["racer3","racer5","racer2","racer1","racer6"]	5	3	3	0
2	["racer6","racer4","racer2","racer1","racer3","racer5"]	6	3	3	0
3	["racer4","racer3","racer5","racer2","racer6","racer1"]	6	5	5	-10
4	["racer1","racer2","racer3","racer5"]	4	0	0	20
5	["racer5","racer2","racer4","racer6","racer3"]	5	null	null	-20