

Addendum to FORTRAN comments

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Dan Rabin — 14 Feb 2006, 21:38

I forgot to mention in my commentary on Wolfe's use of FORTRAN conventions in "The Computer Iterates the Greater Trumps" the the reason Trump(0) is an error is that FORTRAN arrays start with index value 1. This error is representative of a class of errors we programmers know as "off-by-one errors": they are common in hasty code.

-- Dan Rabin