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DAL: Using \$maxrows and SELECT Statement

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TOPIC -----

I have PATHWORKS (LanWORKS BL/4) running on our MicroVAX 3400. The DAL server is version 1.2. If I go into IDAL, and set \$maxrows to 0, a select statement returns nothing. My understanding is that the \$maxrows is supposed to enable an an return unlimited amount of data.

DISCUSSION -----

We assume that you also issued the "printall;" statement after the "select" statement. Otherwise, you will not see anything printed.

The System Variables \$maxrows is initially set to null. Null is not 0 (zero). To set \$maxrows to the initial value of null, you should set it to \$null.

When \$maxrows is set to a non-null value, the SELECT and FETCH statements stop fetching data from the database when they reach the number of rows specified by \$maxrows. Setting \$maxrows to 24, for example, yields a 24 rows of database results without waiting for an entire query to complete. Setting it to 0 will result in zero rows.

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