# 385.https://stackoverflow.com/questions/71314127/merkletreejs-method-gethexproof-return-empty-string

**T:**merkletreejs method getHexProof return empty string

**Q:**I'm trying to create a whitelist merkle tree for a NFT collection so I tried this code:  
  
const { MerkleTree } = require('merkletreejs');const keccak256 = require('keccak256');const leaves = tab.map((address) => keccak256(address));const tree = new MerkleTree(leaves, keccak256, { sort: true });const root = tree.getHexRoot();const leaf = keccak256('myaddress');const proof = tree.getHexProof(leaf);  
  
WARN: THIS PARAGRAPH CONTAINS TAG: [CODE]   
  
But proof is always empty, why?  
  
PS: leaf look like that when I'm trying to log it: ���\_�vD��CT,��sh��+o�j��ߧ

1 **Answer**

**A1:**The proof was empty because my address ("myaddress" in the code) was not in the whitelist