

It is you who  
are wrong!!

It is you who  
is wrong!!



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## IT IS YOU WHO IS or IT IS YOU WHO ARE ?

Both of these constructions are used by native speakers, and there are good arguments to be made for both.

Traditional grammarians tell us that it is preferable to use "**It is you who are...**". They argue that the verb in a relative clause beginning with who should agree with the noun that who represents.

Example : **It is you who are wrong, not me.**

In this sentence, "who" represents the pronoun you, which takes the 2nd person form, are.

However, some native speakers prefer to use "**It is you who is...**".

This is because the combination who+ are, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> person pronoun (**it**) and a 2<sup>nd</sup> person verb (**are**) seems odd and wrong to them.

To avoid this problem, you can always rewrite the sentence as follows:

**"You are the one who is wrong, not me"**