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Subject: 'ffff'x is negative in 5.2 positive in 5.2.1

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I just upgraded an Alpha Windows NT workstation to run version 5.2 of IDL.

The old versions of IDL treated 'ffff'x as a positive number. In version 5.2 for the Alpha it is negative and in 5.2.1 for Intel it is positive again.

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print, 11 gt 'ffff'x
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A bit confusing... I wonder what other implications this may have on peoples software.

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Regards,

Karri

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