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Subject: Re: Change default value of system variable?

Posted by [davidf](#) on Sat, 24 Feb 2001 02:43:01 GMT

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Kenneth P. Bowman (kbowman@null.net) writes:

> I know there is a default value  
> hidden in there somewhere, RSI. Why won't you let me screw with it?

I'm not so sure. If IDL was smart enough to have defaults, why would it change as you switch from one device to another? And if it had sensible defaults, why would it want us mucking around every 2 minutes with the Device, Decomposed value? I think there must be something fundamentally screwy in the internals that make this whole business hard. Why else would they make us use IDL to solve it?

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say this post reminds me of Pablo Neruda's wonderful book of poems, The Book of Questions:

Does the drop of metal shine  
like a syllable in my song?

Does a word sometimes  
slither like a serpent?

Didn't a name like an orange  
creep into your heart?

From which river do fish come?  
From the word \*silversmithing\*?

When they stow too many vowels  
don't sailing ships wreck?

Pablo Neruda

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