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Subject: cursor\_image

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IDL help for Cursor\_image keyword says:

Specifies the cursor pattern. The value of this keyword must be a 16-line by 16-column bitmap, contained in a 16-element short integer vector. The offset from the upper left pixel to the point that is considered the hot spot can be provided via the CURSOR\_XY keyword.

I assumed that each of the elements of the vector could be determined by writing the decimal equivalent of a binary number where the binary number specified which of the pixels in that row should be set and which should not. I further assumed that the least significant bit would be the rightmost bit:

32768,16384,8192,4096,2048,1024,512,256,128,64,32,16,8,4,2,1

Thus, to set only the third pixel from the left on a given row, one would specify the number 8192 for that row.

What I seem to have discovered is that the order of the bits is:

512,1024,2048,4096,8192,16384,32768,1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,256

Thus, to set only the third pixel from the left on a given row, one would specify the number 2048 for that row.

Is this correct? If so, why????????? This arrangement makes no sense to me.

Looking for sense in a crazy software environment,  
Sean

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