
Subject: Re: Gold Medal Bug in IDL arithmetic?

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"Andrew Cool" <andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au> wrote in message
news:c6d70400.0408291517.248509b8@posting.google.com...

> Hi All,

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> I've just been using IDL v6.1 to calculate some simple arithmetic

> at the command line. Here are my results :-

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> Country Population Gold Medals Popn/Gold Medal

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> USA 294 mill 35 8.4

> China 1,300 mill 32 40.6

> Russia 144 mill 27 5.3

> Australia 20 mill 17 1.2

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> Is there a bug in IDL, or is it just simply true that pound for pound,

> Aussie athletes cream the so called Superpowers?

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> 'spose I better report a bug in IDL to RSI?

Fascinating, isn't it? For those interested, a Google search on [olympic medal per capita] brings up some good news results, and there's a great nations-of-the-world statistics site with maps for this kind of thing (e.g.: Sports - Olympic medals - Total (Sydney 2000) (per capita)) and much more:

<http://www.nationmaster.com/cat/Sports>

And now, back to our regularly scheduled programming...

Cheers,

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-Dick

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