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Subject: Re: Gold Medal Bug in IDL arithmetic?

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andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au (Andrew Cool) writes:

> 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?

I tried normalizing the medal count by gross domestic product, but for Australia I got +Inf. That must be a bug in IDL too.

Craig

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