
Subject: Re: Strange IDL string bug

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Justin Baker <justinb@bom.gov.au> wrote:

>
> I quickly discovered that there seems to be a problem with " quoted strings if
> they start with a digit.
>

The error is due to the fact that "123 means the `_octal_` value of 123. How somebody could get this idea is beyond me. Even stranger than a leading zero, IMHO. To make it even more interesting, IDL does not check for unbalanced quotes, so the following works:

```
%print, '123
123
%print, "123
      83
```

Lovely, isn't it?

Rolf

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