In article <1163605646.246847.326220@i42g2000cwa.googlegroups.com>,
Braedley <mike.braedley@gmail.com> wrote:
> His comments about the 7/2 by themselves tell me that he doesn't know
> jack about programming. I know for sure that at least 2 of the 4
> competing languages (the C family, Java and possibly Maltab) all do the
> exact same thing as IDL. EXACT! (Okay, maybe Matlab doesn't, I
> haven't used it in 8 months.) The fourth is Maple, and it may still do

In MATLAB, both 7/2 and 7/2. evaluate to 3.5 (displayed as
3.5000 by default).

Imho, Delphi/Pascal does the sensible thing by requiring the
programmer to distinguish between real and integer division
through use of separate / and div binary operators, leading
to fewer nasty surprises.

Francis