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Subject: Re: assign an octal number to a variable  
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2008 19:46:10 GMT  
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On Oct 14, 12:09 pm, "dux...@gmail.com" <dux...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Thank you very much.  
> This is what I want.  
>  
> But I still have a question as follows:  
>  
> IDL> print,"77  
>     63  
>  
> "16 is equal to '77'o.

I'm a bit confused by the statement. "16 is equal to '16'o and "77 is equal to '77'o; they are different notations for the same thing.

; 16 octal = 1 \* 8 + 6 = 14 decimal

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IDL> print, "16
14
IDL> print, '16'o
14
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; 77 octal = 7 \* 8 + 7 = 63 decimal

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IDL> print, "77
63
IDL> print, '77'o
63
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