
Subject: Re: Decomposing a bit field?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 21 Jul 2010 16:09:11 GMT

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Steve writes:

> The "B" suffix to a number tells IDL that it is to be interpreted in
> octal so indeed 17B is $8+4+2+1=15$ in decimal

Well, not exactly. :-)

Octal numbers (octal numbers!?) are typically written
with a double quote in front of them:

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IDL> number = "17  
IDL> print, number  
15
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Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
