On Sep 2, 4:12 am, Maarten <maarten.sn...@knmi.nl> wrote:
> On Sep 2, 12:31 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
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>> Anyway, I happened to be looking for the proper way
>> to define a degree symbol and I noticed that the
>> old font tables are completely gone from the IDL 8
>> documentation. The good news, I guess, is that we
>> don't have to be bothered by all that octal nonsense
>> anymore. But, the bad news is, there is soon going to
>> be a whole generation of IDL programmers who won't
>> know how to cook anything that doesn't come in a box.
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> That only makes sense if IDL fully supports unicode. I guess that is
> too much to ask. Then there is textoidl, which I find a whole lot
> easier to work with than the font-codes, but maybe that is just me.
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> Maarten

I was very unhappy to find that the font tables have been eliminated.
I referenced those a LOT, and I suspect many others did too. That
would be a logical thing to re-include in a future minor version
upgrade. Also, good luck finding a decent PostScript font table
(specifically for the Symbol font) in the help. If you need any
special characters now, you'd better be a developer.

Brian