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Subject: Re: Font Outrage - Restore the Octal!

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2012 14:14:33 GMT

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On 11/25/12 1:18 PM, lefsky@gmail.com wrote:

> On Nov 25, 9:36 am, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

>> Folks,

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>> I want to report a sneaky development I just discovered by

>> the so-called "computer scientists" at ExelisVis that has

>> the potential to undermine everything we hold dear about

>> IDL. I refer, of course, to modifications in the IDL 8.2

>> documentation that changes the reading of the font tables

>> from octal to simple decimal numbers! What the ...!?

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>> Don't these people realize this is the only place left

>> in the world where it is possible to still run into this

>> endangered species? Removing these octal tables is an

>> outrage and will impoverish untold generations of IDL

>> programmers in the future. Not to mention making it easy

>> for programming rift-raft to figure out how to get the

>> font character they are looking for. What's the point

>> of having experts now!?

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>> Please join me in signing the petition below to get the

>> company to reverse this disastrous decision to make the

>> font tables understandable. We need to restore

>> the integrity and purpose of this IDL newsgroup to

>> explain the obscure to the uninitiated. Anything less

>> is completely unacceptable.

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>> Cheers,

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>> Coyote

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-Jeremy.

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