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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