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Subject: Font Outrage - Restore the Octal!

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Folks,

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 ...!?

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!?

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.

Cheers,

Coyote

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