Subject: Re: Puzzle with floating point underflow
Posted by Paul van Delst on Thu, 23 Aug 2001 14:25:57 GMT

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Sigh.

Paul "!EXCEPT=2" van Delst

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Paul van Delst   A little learning is a dangerous thing;
CIMSS @ NOAA/NCEP   Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring;
Ph: (301)763-8000 x7274 There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
Fax:(301)763-8545   And drinking largely sobers us again.
                                Alexander Pope.

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Posted by Martin Schultz on Fri, 24 Aug 2001 10:50:00 GMT

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Can you recommend a soap brand that doesn't taste too bad?

In fact, I only quoted from the IDL online help:

"In the vast majority of cases, floating-point underflow errors
are harmless and can be ignored."

I don't like statements like this either, but !EXCEPT=2 really
slows down my code too much ;-)

Cheers (with no exceptions),

Martin

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