
Subject: Re: Font Outrage - Restore the Octal!

Posted by lefsky@gmail.com on Sun, 25 Nov 2012 18:18:50 GMT

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

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- > IDL. I refer, of course, to modifications in the IDL 8.2
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- > 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
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- > 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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Subject: Re: Font Outrage - Restore the Octal!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 25 Nov 2012 19:01:25 GMT

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Michael Lefsky writes:

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David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: Font Outrage - Restore the Octal!

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

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-Jeremy.

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2012 14:26:37 GMT

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On Sunday, November 25, 2012 11:36:54 AM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

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'68'xb '65'xb '78'xb '61'xb '64'xb '65'xb '63'xb '69'xb '6d'xb '61'xb '6c'xb
around here?

Craig

Subject: Re: Font Outrage - Restore the Octal!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2012 14:31:52 GMT

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Craig Markwardt writes:

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Only those people who think they are twice as good
as the rest of us! ;-)

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David

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