
Subject: Re: Webmaker for IDL available

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Fri, 03 Mar 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Mirko Vukovic wrote:

>
> Impressive.
thanks !
>
> I am not placing an order, but have a suggestion. And I hate making
> what may sound as a negative comment to the author after all the hard
> work, because I am not trying to be negative.
>
> So here is the comment.
>
> Webmaker may be too generic a name. How about LibraryDocHTMLBuilder
> or something like it?
>
> Webmaker name should be reserved for a more general purpose routine that
> accepts higher level constructs (title, index, sectiontitle, etc), and
> converts them to HTML.

Well, you never know how these programs evolve... If I receive 1000+ orders, this might well be the future of webmaker. And in this case I already reserved the name ;-)

>
> Finally, did you consider actually using Perl for this kind of a job
> (I've never done anything in Perl). I can see one reason why not
> to do it in Perl, and that is if you know IDL and don't know Perl (Valid
> in my opinion).

I did consider this, but very briefly. You state the most important argument (I just don't know enough perl for this), but I had other reasons, too (they might be fake as perlans could point out): although this is not in the current version, there are provisions to check module dependencies which requires some knowledge of internal IDL procedures and functions, and I thought the best way to get hold of these is to use IDL itself.

But again: if I gain 1000+ customers, I may hire someone who will do it much nicer in perl...

Cheers,
Martin

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