
Subject: Re: Webmaker for IDL available

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

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In article <38BFBECD.E08B3822@dkrz.de>,

Martin Schultz <martin.schultz@dkrz.de> wrote:

> Dear IDLers,

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> I am happy to announce a new tool for automatic generation of

> web pages with IDL programs, i.e. IDL library browser pages.

> Check out

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> <http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/~schultz.martin/idl/webmaker/index.html>

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> if you want to see sample pages generated by webmaker 1.0, read the

> documentation, or purchase a license. Since this is a highly

> specialized (yet very flexible) tool, I am not going to give it

> away for free. On the other hand, the shareware concept doesn't

> seem to gripe in this community, so I decided for a different

approach:

> I let you see the result (the sample pages) and the

> documentation, but if you want to use the program, you must contact me

> and purchase a copy (for only US\$20 or Euro 20). You will then

> get full access to all source code, and I offer relatively generous

> support. This includes free upgrades (at least until a new major
release

> is produced), help in getting it to run or changing the appearance of

> the web pages you generate with webmaker.

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> As always with commercial software, here a few highlights that
shall

> wake your appetite:

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> Webmaker

> * provides a setup tool and allows easy configuration via one

> include file

> * scans one or several program libraries (directories) with IDL

> routines

> * finds duplicate routine names

> * automatically extracts the program category and description from

> the program header

> * uses an alias mechanism to organize categories

> * generates all web pages through HTML template files, i.e. no

> change in the webmaker IDL code is required if you want to change

> the appearance of your web pages.

> * produces an extensive log file which will help you in case of

> errors

> * runs on Windows and Unix (Linux) machines

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> See the sample pages at:
> <http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/~schultz.martin/idl/webmaker/index.html>
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> Cheers,
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> Impressive.

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.

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).

Mirko

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