
Subject: Re: IDL 5.3 serious problem: save files sneakily restored

Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Fri, 25 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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"Vinay L. Kashyap" wrote:

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> In article <MPG.140f7e12fd8ffd61989bf0@news.frii.com>,
> David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote:
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>> It's not an unknown problem in IDL, but a relatively
>> rare one, given the huge number of functions and variables
>> people create.
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> That's what makes this feature dangerous. There's such a
> tremendous number of functions floating around that it's
> practically impossible not to have *some* .sav files around
> that inadvertantly match a function name.

I never use .sav files for code since they're not portable across IDL versions. Besides, recompilation of .pro files doesn't take *that* much extra time (at least not for my penny ante code :o).

This seems like one of those times when a slight change in one's "perception anchor" of how things *should* work will allow one to embrace how things actually *do* work.

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