## Subject: Re: Version Control

Posted by Paul van Delst on Mon, 13 Aug 2001 14:03:20 GMT

Aaron Birenboim wrote:
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> Craig Markwardt wrote:
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>> Paul van Delst <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> writes:
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>>> "Dr. Otto Jusko" wrote:
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>>>> under HP-UX we frequently used a product named "SoftBench" which
>>>> provided us with version control and the mandatory file locking. Is such
>>>> a product available for IDL ? Or in general: Would you like to have it
>>>> inside IDL ?
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>>> I use CVS (Concurrent Versions System) for everything: IDL source
>>> code, Fortran source, shell source code, etc....
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>> I second this. I also use CVS to keep multiple copies on different
>> machines synchronized (ie, server, desktop machine, laptop).
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> I third.
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> CVS is THE DE-FACTO standard. It is used by ALL significant
> open source software efforts.

So? Just reading the overview chapter of the CVS docs should be enough to convince folks
that CVS isn't the be-all and end-all - even the authors say so. While I like CVS a lot, I
encounter plenty of other version control systems (some home grown simple ones) day to
day.

> The ONLY version control I would accept in IDL would
> be hooks in IDLDE to work with CVS.

That's a bit of a strident statement. I (personally) don't see the point in IDL/RSI
favouring one version control system over any other - and if they did, they would still
have to allow users to make a choice to use something else.

> Black holes are where G-d divided
>       by zero.
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>                 -Steven Wright

To within numerical precision at least, cuz, black holes leak don't they?  :o)

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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.