
Subject: Re: How far is OO implemented in IDL?

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On 6 Sep 2001, Mirko Vukovic wrote:

[big snip]

- > Should RSI follow the GNU GCC model, and let the core language go to
- > the community, and meanwhile develop and collect royalty on all the
- > add-ons (all the procedures and functions, graphics, etc.)? I am not
- > certain this would work too well. How many programmers out there
- > would spend time upgrading the language?

Well... I for one think it would be great to have the ability to extend the IDL language. Slow progress is being made on IBM's data explorer (now OpenDX) which was released by IBM to the community. I will simply be happy when the interface for pointer/heap variable is released so I can properly build IDL objects in C and fully encapsulate the internal structure of my data!

On the subject of software models, lets all hope we don't see IDL `XP` and idl.net anytime soon ;)

Cheers,
Randall
