
Subject: Re: compiling before needing
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 13 Sep 2001 17:20:09 GMT
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Reimar Bauer (r.bauer@fz-juelich.de) writes:

> David Fanning wrote:
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>> Paul van Delst (paul.vandelst@noaa.gov) writes:
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>>> Umm.... huh?
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>>> What about sticking procedures/functions in their own files.
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>> Too easy. Not a programmer's solution.
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> I am not sure if I understand correctly.
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> So I show an example

Reimar, sorry for the confusion. I didn't mean to disparage your program at all. I'm sure it is useful. I was simply following up Paul's tongue-in-cheek (I assume) comment with one that was even more flippant.

My point was only that when people ask about compiling IDL programs, *most* of the time (and there have been one or two exceptions in my 12 years of monitoring this newsgroup) they are completely misunderstanding how IDL works.

I've never compiled an IDL program in my life, unless I was making a run-time IDL application. But I am *certain* there are good reasons for it. I've just never encountered them in my limited experience.

(Although I have a feeling I'm going to hear about these reasons very soon now. :-)

Cheers,

David

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