Subject: Re: Declaration of variables in IDL
Posted by Paul van Delst on Wed, 03 Oct 2001 16:30:45 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:
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> Paul van Delst (paul.vandelst@noaa.gov) writes:
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>> Note to original poster: Apologies for maybe stating the obvious, but Todd Clements is joking.
>> If you can avoid it, you should not reuse the same variable several times in each function - it
>> can be a maintenance nightmare depending on the complexity of the function/procedure in
>> question.
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> Todd was talking about job security, so I am sure
> he was not joking. With recent events and today's
> job economy, it is no joking matter. I have renamed
> almost all the variables in my programs "a" to cope.

Sigh - I guess I'd better restore my IDL/Fortran program variable-name randomiser script from
backup tape then. It also has optional arguments to strip all comments and "de-format" any
prettifying structure to the code that may (*gasp*) make it easy to read/understand.

I'll sic that puppy onto my distributed code, encrypt, uuencode, print, then delete the
resulting variable match lookup tables. I think there's enough room in my safe deposit box for
all that printout.....

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