
Subject: Re: Declaration of variables in IDL

Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2001 16:32:09 GMT

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"Pavel A. Romashkin" wrote:

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> Hans de Boer wrote:

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>> the code seems to run quite nicely and the poor

>> programmer is left with apparently correct results.

>> I also have found that people new to IDL have generated extremely sneaky

>> bugs this way.

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> This is a good example of what you can use the sophisticated system of

> breakpoints that IDL comes with. Debugging is convenient and simple. The

> only thing not there is an automatic coffe pot that would brew any time

> a bug is found :-)

> As a universal method, you could check SIZE, /TYPE every time you use a

> variable. Never fails, but may double your code length when used on

> every second line :-)

It tripled mine until I discovered the wonders of CATCH. :o)

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