
Subject: Re: removing old IDL versions

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David Fanning wrote:

>
> Harald von der Osten-Woldenburg (hvdosten@lb.netic.de) writes:
>
>> now I have IDL 5.0, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 installed on my workstation. I would
>> like to remove the older versions. But - before doing this - is this
>> possible without any problems? Or should I take care of some libraries
>> or so?
>
> Don't do this!

Or if you decide to, at least keep the help around. We discovered that, some time between IDL 5.2 and IDL 5.4, the documentation for deprecated routines changed. In 5.2, the details of deprecated routines were given in the help. By the time 5.4 came along, all it said was something to the effect of "This routine has been deprecated. Use XXXX instead." This is all good and well if you're writing NEW code, but when you want to look up the details and figure out exactly what someone was doing with a HANDLE_CREATE call, it's not much use!

So keep that old documentation around, because RSI isn't doing it for you any more. :(

Phillip
