
Subject: Re: idl file conversion

Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 16:41:40 GMT

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No need to get upset.

Most of the regulars in this group are a lighthearted bunch and I am sure they really didn't intend for you to take their comments as a "slap into the face". I'm sure they didn't know you were under the extra stress of impending examinations.

What they were trying to say is no, there are no publicly available packages to convert IDL code to C or C++. A package capable of handling the entire IDL language would be extremely complicated. Just think about. How many built in functions are there? Direct graphics... Object graphics... And the GUI stuff.... The point is that even at 50k lines it would probably be easier to rewrite a program in C/C++ than it would be to write a conversion application.

There are more languages than C/C++ that can be compiled or interpreted on many platforms without the need for an expensive license. Maybe there is one that will be easier for you to pick up given your previous programming experience.

My guess is that the .rpm packages you found were for the "interface definition language" and not Interactive Data Language.

-Rick

"Michael Ganzer" <crazy-l@gmx.de> wrote in message
news:ahjsvq\$dkh\$1@graf.cs.uni-magdeburg.de...

> My IDL program already has more than 9,000 lines!!!! And because of that
i

> am NOT going to rewrite it and overthink everything for C++...

> I didn't want to have a comment saying that i shall rewrite it with C++,
but

> i wanted help for finding a conversion program...

> So if u can only tell me that there is none, then ok.. but please don't
try

> to tell me what i should do if u were me, when u don't know what this is
all

> about...

>

> Would u learn C++ if u were me just for putting stuff on a homepage or

> wouldn't u search for a way to compile it directly for Internet??!

> I didn't write the text just for getting back a question or a slap into
the

> face like... "hey, that's your problem if u can't write in C++".
> I would appreciate much, if u thought like: there are persons which have
> other more important stuff to do than learning another programming
> language...
> I am performing my exams during these days and i have to learn for them...
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> All i want is to publish my work to a far more spread public than only the
> owners of IDL.
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> Thank you
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