
Subject: Re: Who's up for breaking IDL?

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 15:39:28 GMT

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Paul van Delst wrote:

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> Tim Robishaw wrote:

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>> Oh, wait. Now it does. Yeah. I'm confused. What this suggests to me

>> is that you cannot have a file that stores a routine and name it with

>> capital letters. (I could call the actual routine name, inside the

>> file, PRO ReSoLvE_Me... this isn't a case sensitive issue... it's all

>> about how I choose to name the file.) Otherwise, RESOLVE_ROUTINE will

>> choke on it if the routine has not already been compiled. That is

>> dumb. Someone please tell me that I'm right???

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> Yep - you're right. Filenames should always be lowercase (on unix systems at

> least...dunno about windows.)

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> It is a bit nutty, I agree, but that's the way it is. I think case sensitivity

> in any language is silly. I don't know how C programmers can stand it.

I just realised after I posted this that it doesn't really make sense since I contradict myself.

Oh well. :o(

What I *meant* to say was I think use of case sensitive filenames is o.k. (IDL doesn't), but not case sensitive variables in actual IDL code.

The downside of allowing case-sensitive filenames is that a simple rule (always lowercase) is gone and users have to rack the brain matter a bit more. In my experience, this can be disastrous (i.e. requiring people to think.... :o) in the short term.

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