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

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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
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> Tim Robishaw writes:

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>> But am I right? Isn't this dumb? I

>> mean, what a bug!

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> I guess you could argue whether it is dumb or not,

> although in 1956 (or whenever the choice was made)

> the idea of mixed characters in file names was

> certainly wacko. In fact, it was probably those

> commie pinko liberals at Apple who thought it up.

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> But there is no way in the world it is a "bug"! :-)

I'm probably taking my life in my hands, but I'm gonna say its a bug.

If the operating system allows case sensitive filenames, then IDL should be able to work with them. I view the "never use captials" in the same way I would view " never use the letter m in a filename".

(assuming the OPs description is correct. This "bug" does not exist on my win2000 idl 6.0, i haven't bothered to check it out on linux.)

Having said that, i do agree that is insane to have case sensitive filenames.

I do use legacy c code on the *nix platforms that take advantage of the liberal use of capitals, drives me freakin crazy.

Cheers,
bob
