## Subject: Re: iTools questions
Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 13:56:40 GMT
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Mark Rivers writes:

> I am puzzled by the fact
> that the iTools are highly object oriented, but when you create one
> there is no way to get an IDL object reference back for what you've
> created.  You can only get an object identifier (string), which you
> can't turn into an IDL object reference without an initial object
> reference to start with.

Yes, this is a bit strange, although the system relies
exclusively on "identifiers" rather than object references
to navigate the object hierarchy, which can be a useful
notion if there is some way to discover the hierarchy.
What I have found strange is that I haven't found any
description of the hierarchy anywhere. (And as I say,
I've only read the documentation through twice, so it
is early in the game.)

I took a guess that the "Data Manager" would be in
the system container from other, oblique references.
Maybe by fumbling around enough we will be able to
piece it together over time. :-)

(This reminds me of my choice of Best Book of Summer.
I thought Gavin Menzies's book, 1421: The Year China
Discovered the World, was terrific. This is how
science should be done! I highly recommend this
fascinating story.)

Cheers,

David

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