Subject: Re: Restore IDL code from .sav file?
Posted by Jonathan Joseph on Tue, 30 Dec 2003 17:24:51 GMT
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Thanks for your posts.

After posting that message, and kicking around a few chairs, I spent
about 4 hours reconstructing the changes I had made to the easier of the
two files. Then, as I was looking again through my other recent IDLDE
session, lo and behold, I found that I actually *did* have the second
file open in the IDLDE editor and the code was sitting there with all of
the changes in tact. I carefully did a save-as, ignoring the warnings
that the file had changed on disk and didn't I really want that version
instead.

So with a little luck and a good deal of patience, I was able to
recover/reconstruct the lost changes. Even without the source code for
the file I had truly lost, I was at least able to run to compiled
version to corroborate that with reasonable certainty I was able to
re-derive most of the changes I had made - I even found a spot where I
had accidentally forgotten to include something the first time around.

A very frustrating Christmas eve, but I think I've got the code back to
where I want it.

-Jonathan

Craig Markwardt wrote:
> "Haje Korth" <haje.korth@jhuapl.edu> writes:
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>> Jonathan,
>> hey that story sounds familiar, happened to me too once. Unfortunately there
>> is probably nothing you can do about it at this point. Craig Markwardt had
>> routines that do exactly what you want (and what I needed) included in his
>> cmsvlib for a few days. But then a herd of people including RSI started
>> beating on him for publishing proprietary information, so he withdrew the
>> routine prodis, which caused all this hassle. [...]
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> After Kodak threatened a potential lawsuit, and implied a threat to my
> job, I did indeed withdraw the core translator for IDL save files with
> code.
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> I believed, and I still believe, that there are legitimate uses for a
> save file translator, and it is not illegal. We as users are not

> required to protect RSI's flawed business models. I developed the
> translator code because I myself accidentally deleted some source
> code, and needed to recover it from a save file. Obviously other
> people have the same problem. I have been recommending that people
> with this same need contact RSI and explain their dilemma. And
> further, I recommend against using save files for code.
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> Craig
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>> ... His documentation gives you an overview and you will find, why RSI
>> was upset about that particulat version of cmsvlib, even though he does not
>> elaborate on the particular info.
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> P.S. By the way, the on-line documentation is for data only, no code.
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