
Subject: Re: Is there any conventions style programming IDL?

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> Mike Schienle has this available on the web:
> http://www.customvisuals.com/IDL_Style.html

This document combined with a couple of tips from David make a good set of rules to follow. There are a couple things I think I'll adopt into my personal style. However, I have to disagree with the use of Hungarian notation. IDL is a weakly-typed, dynamic language and enforcing Hungarian rules removes some of the benefits of such a language. I don't have the time now to get into the details, but I see it as more of a hindrance rather than a help.

Hungarian notation is not suited to weakly-typed dynamic languages such as IDL, Python or Perl or object-oriented languages such as Java or C++.

Hungarian notation does have it's place in the strongly-typed procedural languages like good ol' C. I actually use Hungarian notation a lot when doing C -- it makes casting and variable type mistakes so much easier to catch.

-Mike
