
Subject: Re: Passing keywords to DLM
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David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:<MPG.1b8186298f1c396898981b@news.frii.com>...

> Well, I think have to know that "lexical order" means
> "alphabetical order". I presume most computer programmers

Sigh. I understand "lexical", but skimmed right over it and missed it
everytime I went looking for the ordering requirement.

> P.S. What do you mean you don't alphabetize your
> keywords!? What's wrong with you!

I suppose I should lexically order all the keywords in my IDL source
now to be consistent. ;-)

Wouldn't it be interesting to catalog common errors, sort them, and in
a tutorial list the top 5 common mistakes? Something like, "Here are
the top 5 things that did NOT work when people tried to implement the
ideas described here and here is why they failed."

I've always imagined a use for a journal of failed research. Sure,
sometimes brilliant people discover the same thing at the same time.
Think of the numbers though of all the people who try the same
unworkable idea and fail silently, leaving later generations to repeat
the waste of time. Too bad the journal of failed research would
probably fill every shelf on the planet. It would have to be tightly
refereed to include only those ideas most often entertained and
studied with no useful results.

Cheers,
JGG.
