
Subject: Re: Why IDL Is Not My Favorite Platform (was Re: IDL alternatives?)

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Joseph M Zawodny (zawodny@arbd0.larc.nasa.gov) wrote:

: In the future, please keep your "crufting" and "kvetching" to
: a minimum and get to the point (and along the way use real words).

I apologize if I've been too long-winded. The original nitpicky part was a response to someone asking for specific examples of things that are broken about the interface. I probably should have taken it to email at that point, especially before using slangy words and expressing strong opinions in a trade group.

:...[he's] saying "IDL does not look and feel like \$1500 worth of
:software", but ... "despite that I prefer it for some strange
:reason and it does work".

Well, no, actually what I meant (and, upon re-reading, seem to have said) was more like "IDL is based on a sound idea, but it isn't implemented well enough to be worth \$1500".

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