
Subject: Re: Looking for IDL code documentation standards
Posted by [Timm Weitkamp](#) on Tue, 17 May 2005 17:25:36 GMT
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On 16.05.05 at 15:01 -0500, Michael Wallace wrote:

- > Reserved Words - lowercase (e.g. begin, end, do, for, if, while)
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- > Variables: lowercase, words separated by "_" (e.g. my_var)
- > Routines: lowercase, words separated by "_" (e.g. my_func)
- > Keywords: UPPERCASE, words separated by "_" (e.g. MY_KEYWORD)
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- > Classes: MixedCase, no separation character (e.g. MyWonderfulClass)
- > Methods: MixedCase, no separation character (e.g. GetProperty)

I find it useful to distinguish, in my code, names of routines that are part of the IDL distribution from names of contributed routines. I do this in the following way:

```
PRINT, SIN(MyFunc(x))
```

and apologize to all those who detest the all-uppercase way. What I advocate is just only to make clear in *some* way that "sin" is part of the IDL distribution, whereas "myfunc" isn't.

This helps avoid confusion and makes it easier to track down problems caused by collisions in that small world called namespace.

Cheers,
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