
Subject: Re: CVS and IDL - RCS tags

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On Mon, 11 Jul 2005 14:00:22 +0200, Ben Panter wrote:

> I've been using CVS for the last six months or so to maintain my IDL
> codes, and I think it is absolutely fantastic. The only problem I get is
> trying to work out what version of the code is running on a remote
> machine, or which version of the code generated some results. After a bit
> of research in the archives, I found out about RCS tags - specifically
> \$Id\$ - which would do the job perfectly.

Not really related, I know, but I thought I'd mention that Emacs has excellent built-in CVS support, so using IDLWAVE with CVS is a joy. I find I use C-x v = (show differences to last checked in version) quite often, and the color coded annotation (C-x v g) is useful for a rough guide to when various parts of the file were modified. I never visit the command line for CVS anymore, except for the occasional multi-file check-in. That said, I've used \$Date\$ and \$Id\$ without problem in the header comments, so it must be your client (e.g. binary files have keyword expansion turned off, for obvious reasons).

JD
