
Subject: CVS and IDL - RCS tags

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I've been using CVS for the last six months or so to maintain my IDL codes, and I think it is absolutly 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.

I've tried the methods outlined here, putting it in a comment, putting it in a string -- and it doesn't seem to work. This is one of the strings I used:

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ver_name='$Id$'
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I then commit the changes, then either checkout / run a cvs update on my code on another machine. The string command remains '\$Id\$', rather than some tasty description of the file it sits in.

I'm obviously doing something silly here, would anybody mind being exceptionally kind and putting me out of my misery?

Is update/checkout the wrong thing to do on remote machines which will be using rather than editing the code?

Is there some secret switch in the CVS server I don't know about?

Many thanks,

Ben
