
Subject: Re: Pass by value and performance

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 17:08:30 GMT

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Paul Van Delst writes:

- > In the context of this thread (and your example below), shouldn't one say that
- > /dereferenced/ pointers are just regular IDL variables (i.e. they're not expressions) ??
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- > I don't think I'm splitting hairs here (or am I?)

No, I think that is what I meant. I was just so darned excited about knowing *why* this answer was true I mis-spoke. :-)

- > It makes me wonder though - have IDL pointers always behaved that way, or is it a moving
- > target (ala relaxed structure definitions post IDL 5.3 talked about in another thread) ?

I think they have always behaved this way. But often these things are introduced without, uh, too much fanfare, and it takes everyone a while to catch up.

Cheers,

David

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