Hi,

I came from Mars, but it's a secret, don't tell anybody else :-)
(http://www.setileague.org/askdr/hungary.htm)

FL has nothing to do with GDL. It started as a learning project in 2000.
After twelve years of C programming, I decided to learn C++, and flex and
bison, too. The reverse Polish notation calculator from the bison manual
was the starting point, but it was too simple. I wanted to extend it, and
C or Fortran were too complex. IDL came to my mind, as a simple language
:-)

regards,
lajos

On Sun, 2 Apr 2006, Craig Markwardt wrote:

> FL <fl@interware.hu> writes:
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>> Hi guys!
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>> The first public snapshot of Fawlty Language, an IDL compatible compiler
>> is available. (IDL is a registered trademark of Research Systems Inc.)
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>> FL binaries can be freely used and downloaded from the homepage
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> So this is not an April Fools joke?
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> What is the relation to GDL?
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> I'm a little confused that a person who has contributed to a few
> threads in the past few years has suddenly come out with an IDL
> "compiler". I.e. developing a parser, virtual machine, libraries,
> etc. is not a simple effort. Where did F"oldy Lajos come from? :-)
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> And finally, with this proliferation of "almost-IDL" clones (FL, IDL,
> ANA, Yorick), I have to wonder why everybody has to re-invent the
> wheel (see above). I see the GDL people meticulously toiling over
> basic functionality, and it makes me wonder: wouldn't it have been
> better to write an IDL-to-{Python,Ruby,Perl} translator, and get the
> existing well tested script environment for free? And not only that,

> but Python for science seem about to really take off. An infusion of
> well-tested IDL libraries into that community might be enough
> cross-fertilization to really get a non-proprietary version of an
> IDL-like language going strong.
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> Craig
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