
Subject: Re: Introducing FL

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Craig Markwardt wrote:

> FL <fl@interware.hu> writes:

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>> Hi guys!

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>> The first public snapshot of Fawltly 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?

I thought it was April Fools joke too. Lajos must have chosen the release date on purpose. Thank GOD it is not a virus.:)

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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

I'd like to see some thing like IDL Script Node for LabVIEW emergeing from the community. Well, a faster and more versatile IDL-like language is definitely the ultimate dream
