
Subject: Re: main or procedure

Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Wed, 20 Jun 2007 16:03:30 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> As far as I can tell, there is nothing about
> IDL that is causing you any problems.

Well, I have outlined my problem, and I get bitten by it again and again. It is caused by IDL being IDL and myself relying a lot on on-the-fly compilation of small code fragments. Other people will have different styles (and different objectives) and IDL's creators cannot foresee every way their software might be used.

It is really a problem of how the human mind works: The situations where my ingrained working style causes me data loss are so rare that I do not become aware of them until about one millisecond after it is too late. This is a prime example of where the software should help the user avoid this kind of error.

So, you other IDLWAVE users: have you eschewed the command line and become addicted to C-c C-d C-e, like I have?

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