
Subject: Re: IDL wish list (continued)

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Iarla Kilbane-Dawe <iarla@atm.ch.cam.ac.uk> wrote:

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> How about an IDL that would not create an undefined variable whenever
> something gets mistyped...

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This is part of the fundamental nature of IDL and would be difficult if not impossible to resolve without the use of either explicit or implicit typing. This would conflict with the desires of a large number of other users who want a quick and dirty interactive language that can be typed on the fly. Perhaps the compiler could issue some sort of warnings or have a switch to turn strong typing on and off. Or maybe a lint could be developed specifically for IDL that would catch most of the common errors that are made.

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