
Subject: Re: Using cpp with IDL
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In article <1992Oct7.195102.10633@colorado.edu> knowles@news.Colorado.EDU (Ken Knowles) writes:

> Has anyone tried to use the C preprocessor to fix some of the
> shortcomings of IDL? Here's a few examples of what I have in
> mind:
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> Problem: It's difficult to modify common block definitions which
> must appear in each procedure that references the common block.
> Solution: Write one definition in a separate file and then
> use the #include directive.

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you dont have to use a #define directive. Use the "@". If file test.inc
contains common block definitions, just put the following command in each
file that needs the common blocks:

@test.inc

Be sure that the "@" is in the first column of the program file.

> Problem: Debugging is awkward, debug code must be commented out
> and manually uncommented.
> Solution: conditional compilation with #ifdef DEBUG directive.
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try using keywords and the KEYWORD_SET() logical function.
