
Subject: Re: Reading Others Code

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On May 22, 1:25 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> A friend of mine and I have been reading each others
> IDL code lately. It's truly amazing what you can learn
> by doing this!
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> Anyway, I have this line of code in one of my programs:
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> HELP, CALLS=callstack
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> He was flabbergasted. Apparently, this keyword is not
> documented. I'm dumbfounded, too, since I don't usually
> use undocumented code.
>
> Here is my question. Was this ever documented? Does
> anyone else know about this?

I don't know the answer to your question, but it does bring up two separate issues for me:

1. SCOPE_TRACEBACK is the "approved" way to do this now, but returns the call stack in reverse order.

2. I recently needed to know the routines that have been added to IDL since 6.1 (updating the known routines for the TextMate IDL plugin). It would be nice to not have to install four versions of IDL to answer these questions. The online help is HTML-based. Why can't I just look these things up on the ITT VIS website?

> P.S. You can tell this is an old IDL keyword, because
> CALLS obviously stands for "CALLSTACK", and yet you
> can't use "CALLSTACK". This is one of my favorite pet
> peeves about IDL, but I think the programmer who used
> to do this all the time has now moved on.

Yes, I hate this too (my "favorite" is the SUBEXPR keyword to STREGEX).

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