
Subject: Re: A Simple IDL Manifesto
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2008 09:11:19 GMT
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Jeremy Bailin schrieb:

>> 13.) Add the "dimension" positional parameter (as present in TOTAL) to
>> MEAN, STDDEV and so forth.
>
> Hear hear!
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>> 14.) make it possible that we can have the last dimension 1.
>> Everyone who dislikes it can use reform. I can't remember how often this
>> misbehaviour has created funny results (bugs).
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> I don't know... about half the time, I love how it works now, and the
> other half the time (like when I was debugging last night) I swear
> ferociously at it. In any case, that almost certainly falls under the
> category of would-break-too-much-existing-code.
>
> -Jeremy.

Hi Jermey

idl is an interpretive language. It is parsed line by line.

would-break-too-much-existing-code is a wrong statement. It needs only more effort.

If one changes the code rules behaviour he can also write a migration tool which converts your old program into a better new program.

But this wasn't also done by this company in the past, so we can assume it won't be in the future.

And it is not unusual to do so. e.g. if the moinmoin wikisoftware project changes the wiki text syntax in a newer version we provide a migration tool for the old wiki text syntax on pages to the new syntax.

cheers
Reimar
