Subject: Re: Are user-defined private methods possible? Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Wed, 08 Jul 2009 19:16:02 GMT

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David Fanning wrote: > Paul van Delst writes: >> As the subject states, are user-defined private methods possible in IDL? >> >> I have some object methods that I want to be private to the class (like Init and Cleanup) >> but I can't find any info on how to do that in the IDL help. Once the methods in question >> are invoked (and, thus, compiled) in a public method, they're accessible from outside the >> class. > > There is nothing like a "private" method in IDL. > However, there are some things you can do to keep > neighborhood eyes from oggling the babes in the > backyard pool. > > For example, you can give your "private" methods > ugly names (I usually append an underscore to the > method name), and you can set the HIDDEN compile > option, so the casual user doesn't know it is there > when the object code is compiled: > PRO myobject::_myprivateMethod > compile_opt HIDDEN > > **END** > But nothing is going to stop a determined 14-year-old > with a good set of field glasses. :-(Cool, thanks!

cheers.

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