
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,

paulv
