Subject: Re: Generating keyword parameters from strings Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Thu, 23 Jul 2009 19:48:43 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:

>> I really don't understand why, in the SUBCLASS::Get_Property method, I can get away with >> using the _EXTRA keyword to the SUPERCLASS::Get_Property method, but it works. Go figure.

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- > The rule is you use _REF_EXTRA (or _REF_STRICT_EXTRA, etc) on
- > the procedure or function *definition* line, but *all* extra
- > parameters are to be *passed* with _EXTRA.

Ah, o.k. A nice, simple rule to remember.

Of course it would be nicer if I didn't have to remember it at all. Passing arguments/keywords by reference or value is an implementation detail the user shouldn't be concerned with. Having to consider it in IDL OO programming is mildly ironic.

cheers,

paulv