
Subject: Re: IDL 8.0 compile_opt changes
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Another thought, will the new syntax contain more information about the code itself (whether it is an array or a method, etc.) it should be easier to downgrade new code to the older syntax, shouldn't it? To me, the best formed language doesn't overload its syntax.

In the new syntax the '.' would be overloaded, so some clever parsing would be required to determine if the '.' was a method call (changed to '->') or a structure field (leave it as '.').

Hmmmmm...is this really an improvement? Would we not be muddying the waters with ambiguity again? It took long enough to move from the overloading of the '()' where it was for both array subscripting and function parameter delimiting.

H.
