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Subject: Re: IDL 8.0 compile\_opt changes

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proffmw@gmail.com writes:

> As an old fogey who still has working code from 1982 (version 2, when  
> we used VMS and our disk quota was 5 kiloblocks), I much prefer  
> the .pro/.prx solution. If I have to dig into that old code to change  
> parentheses to brackets, specify that 16 bit associated variables are  
> 16 bits, remove all VMS-specific keywords, and everything else that is  
> now obsolete, I'll probably feel compelled to rewrite 28 years worth  
> of code to make it look and run better, and my productivity will drop  
> to or below zero... You think I can improve code without breaking it?

I think most people could probably put a "compile\_opt idl1" into their  
code without breaking it.

> (I currently use versions 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 7 on 4 different  
> machines. I upgrade only  
> when machines die or are retired. Often upgrades to a higher version  
> than I really need/want are dictated by forces beyond my control.)

Then, nothing will change for you. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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