
Subject: Re: IDL 8.0 compile_opt changes

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Hi all,

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?

Write a V8 compiler that will look for the .prx file and, not finding that, will look for the .pro file. In that way a user can have 2 versions if needed, or a single compatible version.

(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.)

Cheers,
Fred
