Subject: Re: Ruby range operators? Re: IDL 8.0 compile_opt changes
Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Mon, 11 Jan 2010 16:33:13 GMT

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Maarten wrote:
> On Jan 8, 10:16 pm, Paul van Delst <paul.vande...@noaa.gov> wrote:
>> BTW, if IDL 8.0 will allow operator overloading, will it also allow for operator
>> definition? The overloading should allow for ".." having the same result as ":", but will
>> we be able to define functions/procedures that can be overloaded with "..." ?
>
> Are you sure you want to open that can of worms? Adding this once will
> preclude _any_ future syntax changes or additions, as _someone_ will
> have implemented a conflicting operator.

Well, that can of worms has been opened many times previously in other languages (even
Fortran since 1990!). I would think the rules for compiler/interpreter writers are well
established.

cheers,

paulv