
Subject: Re: IDL 8.0 compile_opt changes

Posted by [Yngvar Larsen](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2010 15:12:47 GMT

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On Jan 6, 3:56 pm, Yngvar Larsen <larsen.yng...@gmail.com> wrote:

> My 2 cents:

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> *) About negative indexing:

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>> For example:

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>> a[0:-1] In IDL80, returns all the elements

>> a[-1] In IDL80, returns the last element

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> Is the only use for negative indexing a way to indicate the last
> element? Then this is probably the most idiotic choice possible:
> semantic overload of the integer -1 with no gain whatsoever (except
> possibly in ITTVis' parsing code that might be simplified by some
> clever tricks?).

Hm. Quick followup to myself: I forgot about how Python uses negative integers (seq[-n] == seq[length(seq)-n]), which is probably the intended syntax here? Then at least it makes kind of sense.

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Yngvar
