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Subject: Re: Comments on Coding Style

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 29 Apr 2010 13:05:02 GMT

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Aram Panasenco writes:

> I want your comments on the programming conventions I use and how I can  
> change them to make the code more clear and desirable for other  
> programmers to improve. Some things to consider:  
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> - Should I use comments or is the code (so far) pretty self-explanatory?  
> - Is the non-standard capitalization annoying you? Should I switch to  
> the classic IDL capitalization (All-caps for IDL keywords, capitalized  
> function and procedure names)?  
> - Is there anything wrong with the way I handle the IDL class? The  
> routines?  
> - Anything wrong at all? I'd rather fix it now than thousands of lines  
> of code later.

I like the style, but, yes, you need comments. Lots of them. :-)

Also, the `__DEFINE` method has to be the *\*last\** method in the file, not the first, or you will spend all your programming time compiling files as if you were programming in C or something. :-)

<http://www.dfanning.com/tips/namefiles.html>

Cheers,

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

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