On Jul 30, 11:15 am, Paul van Delst <paul.vande...@noaa.gov> wrote:
> Given the fact that there is an "_overload" prefix, I would've thought it easy to correctly parse everything between
> that and the next "," to correctly interpret the operator or operation to be overloaded.

I suppose it is to make the classes still possible to compile in
earlier versions of IDL. Yes, the overloading would not be usable with
those versions, but the rest of the class could still be used
(provided none of the new syntax is used in the code that will get
used). This way, one just needs to make a dummy IDL_Object class to
inherit from, as Michael Galloy suggests.

So it makes easier the transition period (which can be awfully long,
due to the unresponsiveness of those sysadmins that I have met; I have
not been as lucky as Paul).

> BTW, does IDL 8.0 have the ability to create user defined operators?

I think only those predefined operators can be used.