
Subject: Re: IDLDoc Bandwagon

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2010 14:16:19 GMT

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On 9/20/10 10:30 pm, Paulo Penteado wrote:

> On Sep 21, 1:20 am, David Fanning<n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

>> Yes, I have a question about that. What do you do in the
>> case of a large file with many modules? The module I want
>> to document is, of course, at the bottom of the file. And
>> yet I want the documentation to appear at the top of the
>> file. How would you handle something like that?

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> Maybe with hidden or private tags to suppress the other routines?

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>> Also, I want to have the copyright notice (as some significant
>> amount of text) in the file. What would be the best way to
>> handle that? There really isn't a category for that, and
>> it seems a little strange to put it someplace like after
>> the procedure definition statement (which would follow
>> immediately after the documentation) and before the first
>> line of code in the procedure.

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> There is a copyright tag, and it could go on the file-level comments.

> Or in an overview file. Am I missing something?

Yes, you can put file-level comments at the beginning of the file, i.e., comments between ;+ and ;- that are not immediately next to a routine header are "file-level." I generally put documentation about each routine in the header right next to that routine and file-level stuff about the whole file like what the "public" routines in the file are in the file-level comments.

For the copyright notice, I either put it in normal comments (without ;+ and ;-) right at the top of the file or I put it in the :Copyright: tag.

Since the :Copyright: tag is not available in the IDL format, I would just put it in normal comments.

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