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Subject: Re: IDLDoc Bandwagon

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2010 04:20:24 GMT

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Michael Galloy writes:

> But, in the meantime, you are correct, the FORMAT\_STYLE and MARKUP\_STYLE  
> determine how the comments are formatted in the output. Looking at some  
> of the code in your library, it looks like you probably should use  
> FORMAT\_STYLE='IDL' and MARKUP\_STYLE='preformatted' (it won't look good,  
> but should be readable). The MARKUP\_STYLE='preformatted' will make  
> linefeeds significant.

I have finally managed to get something that looks hopeful,  
but, yes, it took me quite a while to find the right page  
with the information I needed. I think the new documentation  
will be well received. :-)

> You will also need to make the comment header  
> (i.e., the part between ;+ and ;- ) be next to the routine prototype (the  
> pro/function line), like:

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?

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.

The copyright thing is on my mind today, as I am in the  
process of moving the Coyote and Catalyst Libraries over  
to GoogleCode, so people can access it via a Subversion  
repository.

Thanks for the help!

Cheers,

David

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

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